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GERMANS CONFINE ACTIVITY IN WEST TO ISOLATED RAIDS

Week Of Fine Weather And Still Offensive Is Delayed

RUSSIA IS CAUSE?

May Be Waiting To Make Sure Of East Front Troops

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 15.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports at noon:

We entered the enemy's lines westward of Villers-Guislain and brought back some prisoners.

We repulsed raids in the neighborhoods of Passchendaele and Poelcapelle.

There has been reciprocal artillerying southwestward and westward of Cambrai, southwestward of Armentieres and in the Messines and Menin Road sectors.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports this evening:

The Canadians made a raid southeastward of Lens and brought back some prisoners.

The large party of the enemy who undertook the raid last night in the Passchendaele sector suffered heavily from our artillery and machine-gun fire.

We repulsed raids southward of the Menin Road.

Aviation.—We bombed a railhead near Lille and aerodromes northeastward and eastward of St. Quentin. One of the hangars at the latter aerodrome was set on fire and two were badly damaged. All our machines returned.

Heavy Firing On Belgian Front

A Belgian official communique reports:

There has been considerable artillerying during the past two days.

An enemy raid at Merckem was stopped by our barrages.

The enemy is using quantities of gas-shells. We are replying in a similar manner.

Serious bombing encounters have occurred in the regions of Nieuport and Dixmude.

A German official communique reports:

A strong attack made by the French on a wide front only obtained a foothold in our trenches westward of the Thuizy-Nauroy Road.

Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters wires:

Although the enemy gives no sign of when the long promised offensive will break, he is still accumulating men and material on our front with an intention which, seemingly, admits of only one explanation.

Germans Have Huge Reserve

He has 190 divisions on the French and Belgian fronts. Over a third of these are in reserve, ready to be hurled at any point selected.

Why the Germans are allowing week after week of wonderful weather to pass without moving is possibly explained by their anxiety to know exactly how many divisions still in Russia can be counted upon for the West before committing themselves to the most dangerous and most unpromising adventure of the war.

Behind the enemy's front his preparations are evident. New aerodromes, roads and immense hutments are continually being constructed.

His reserves are in cantonments far from the front. Hence it is impossible to know the point he will attack. It is expected that if he does attack he will stake all on one chance of victory.

Our defence preparations are on a most formidable scale.

Welsh Troops Make Raid

London, March 16.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports at noon:

Welsh troops carried out a successful raid in the neighborhood of Armentieres, where they took fifteen prisoners and two machine-guns.

There have been hostile artillery bombardments southeast of Ypres, in the neighborhood of the Menin Road and southward of Houthulst Forest.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We carried out a successful raid northwestward of La Vacquerie.

There have been hostile artillery bombardments southwest of Cambrai.

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Recent Photograph Of New Italian Commander

GENERAL ARMANDO DIAZ

General Armando Diaz, who succeeded General Cadorna as commander-in-chief of the Italian armies.

General Diaz was born in Naples in December, 1861, and at the age of fifty-five has been placed in command of the army in the most critical moment in the history of the Italian nation. He was the most victorious general on the Carso front and has so far never failed in any undertaking during the war.

AUSTRIAN LEGISLATORS RIOT OVER FOOD LACK

Jugo-Slavs Growing More Restless And Some Forecast Revolution

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, March 16.—A telegram from Zurich states that tumultuous scenes occurred last Wednesday in the Austrian Chamber on the occasion of a discussion on the food situation. Never have such scenes been witnessed, at least not for many years. They were provoked by the German Deputies, who accused the Czechs of wanting to starve Austria.

A Czech orator declared that his countrymen had no flour, potatoes, wine, milk or eggs. "We have not any either," cried the Austrians.

There has been a very lively restlessness among the Jugo-Slav populations of the Dual Monarchy lately. The Croatian newspapers speak of it openly and recently the Obzor of Agram wrote:

"Should revolution break out the responsibility for it would fall upon those who monopolise power and do not allow the people to voice their opinion."

Finally the most fiery of these Jugo-Slav organs, the Hravthka Drava, is unceasingly attacking the Germans and Magyars and, no longer paying attention to the Hapsburgs, recently it printed a eulogy of the national action of the Jugo-Slav Committee in London and demanded "an absolutely independent State, including all the Croats, Servians and Slovenes united in a federation."

More Japanese Arms For China Delivered

Second Instalment Under Recent Munitions Loan Arrives In Tientsin

The second instalment of arms shipped from Japan under the Arms Loan arrived at Tientsin Saturday. The lot consists of 200 field guns and more than 2,000 cases of ammunitions.

LIANG SHIH-YI IN SHANGHAI

Mr. Liang Shih-yi, Yuan Shih-k'ai's chief lieutenant in his monarchy restoration, who has been given amnesty recently, arrived in Shanghai from Hongkong Sunday. He is expected to go up to Tientsin and Peking soon.

Separate Department Established In Britain To Control Shipbuilding

Strenuous Efforts To Be Made To Increase Production This Year; Geddes May Give Out Figures On Submarine Losses

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 16.—The Daily News states that the Cabinet has fixed the program of shipbuilding for the year and Sir Eric Geddes is establishing a new department solely concerned with shipbuilding, which will probably be under the charge of a junior Minister.

The Daily Telegraph in its editorial yesterday says that the formation of the Allied Maritime Council, in conjunction with the announcement regarding Dutch shipping, indicates that the Allies have at length realised that the enemy's sea offensive cannot be treated as less important than his advertised land offensive in the West. The Daily Telegraph suggests that it may be a matter of serious consideration to the United States whether it would not be more helpful by temporarily holding back reinforcements of troops and increasing food supplies. It concludes by urging a reorganisation of the British shipbuilding administration and the employment of 80,000 more men in the shipyards.

In the House of Commons Thursday, during the discussion on the Appropriation Bill, Mr. A. Bonar Law said that the publication of the losses of tonnage was being discussed. The Allies hoped that Sir Eric Geddes, the First Lord of the Admiralty, would be able to give accurate figures when he makes a statement on shipbuilding on the 20th. Nothing but good would result from the publication of these figures as the losses were much less than the enemy's estimates.

The real reason for their publication was to make the men in the shipyards feel that their work is just as vital to the war as fighting in the trenches.

He was certain the results would astonish those who are disappointed now and they would be very much better in future.

The Government realised the necessity for securing the hearty cooperation of the workers in the shipyards and the Premier was continually engaged on the problem.

"He and Sir Eric Geddes today have seen a number of representative shipbuilders. The number of men in the shipyards is steadily increasing. When the results were bad in January and February there was no scarcity of steel and the amount of labor was far greater than in the previous three months, when the results were good. Some men are being brought from the army but it is not easy to get them owing to the reluctance of Commanders to lose good men and the reluctance of the men to leave their comrades in the trenches.

The Appropriation Bill passed its third reading.

Early Peace Advocate For Rumanian Premier

Averescu's Cabinet Out For Declining To Approve Terms Of Germans

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Jassy, March 15.—The Rumanian Cabinet has resigned and M. Morghiloman, former Minister of Finance, is expected to succeed General Averescu as Premier.

The Daily Express understands that General Averescu's resignation was due to the fact that his Cabinet declined the German peace terms.

Amsterdam, March 16.—A telegram from Bukharest states that M. Marghiloman, the probable Premier, interviewed, said that the sooner Rumania concluded peace the better would be her position.

U.S. LABOR DELEGATION TO VISIT ALLIED NATIONS

Gompers Sends Message To British And French Leaders Giving Plan

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, March 15.—Mr. Samuel Gompers, the President of the American Federation of Labor, has sent messages to Mr. Arthur Henderson, the British labor leader and M. Albert Thomas, the French Socialist leader, declaring that in the sigantic task to preserve democracy from German aggression there must be hearty co-operation among workers and he hopes that nothing will interfere with the complete understanding and goodwill existing between the working-classes in America and the Allied countries. He promises that a delegation representing American Labor shall shortly visit Great Britain and France for the furtherance of the cause of world democracy.

Jess Willard Matched To Fight Fred Fulton

Will Battle For Heavyweight Championship Of World On Fourth Of July

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Kansas City, March 16.—Jess Willard fights Fred Fulton for the heavyweight championship of the world on the 4th of July. The details have not yet been settled.

The Weather

Threats of thunder showers. The maximum temperature yesterday was 79.7 and the minimum 45, the figures for the corresponding day last year being 55 and 48.2.

Intervention Unlikely, Times Hears From Tokio

Big Business Houses Oppose Action In Siberia, Correspondent Wires

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 16.—The Tokio correspondent of the Times cables that, in the absence of any official pronouncement here, the reports from America and from England that Japanese intervention in Siberia has virtually been decided are mystifying and absolutely conflict with the local news. A minority of the press and public advocate such an expedition but the powerful commercial firms, which are wholly opposed to intervention, are now generally supported and the Exchanges have stiffened in consequence of the belief that there will be no intervention.

Peking, March 18.—The Japanese Ambassador and the Chinese Minister from Petrograd, with 36 Americans, 28 Chinese and a number of Japanese, have arrived at Manchuria Station, having been given safe-conduct to the Chinese frontier by the Red Guards.

Tong Shoa-yi Given Welcome In Tokio

Reuter's Pacific Service

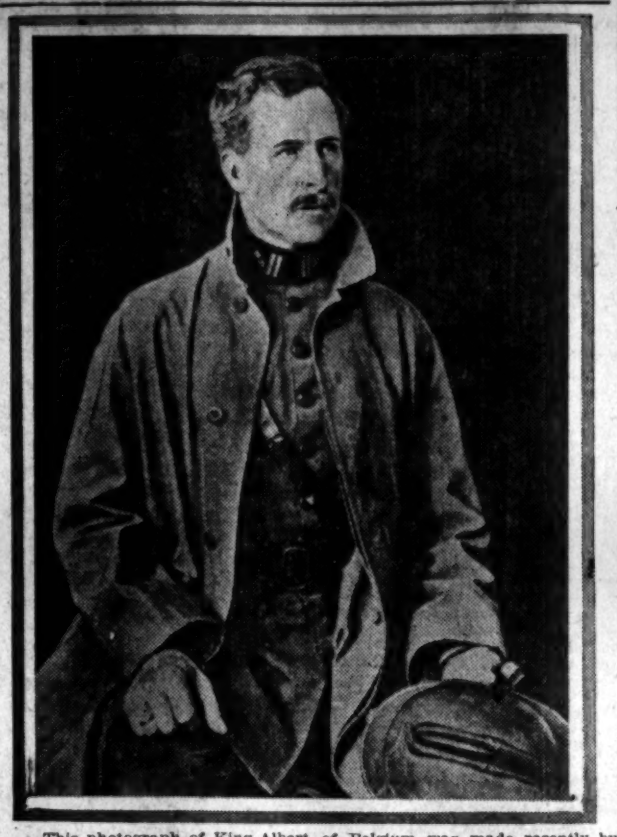
Tokio, March 18.—Mr. Tong Shoa-yi has arrived. He was welcomed by many friends, both Japanese and Chinese.

Roubles Not Alone, Old J. W. Mercury Goes Kiting Up Too

Roubles were not the only thing that went up yesterday. Old John W. Temperature did a little aviating likewise, mounting to a maximum altitude of about 80 in the shade—79.7 is the official figure—and hovering at that level long enough for the disquieting specter of the decimated summer wardrobe to sneak out and display its deficiencies.

Straw hats were at large in various districts, it is reliably reported, though no shots were fired and no arrests made. The refreshment parlor stocks of sunstroke preventive suffered severely. The sad-eyed member of the staff remarks, however, that the evenings are still a bit too nippy for amateur astronomy.

Albert, Fighting King Of Belgium



This photograph of King Albert of Belgium was made recently by command of His Majesty in a barn close to the firing line in Flanders. During the action of the making of the picture the guns kept up their incessant fire.

ROUBLES IN BIG JUMP AS JAPAN RUMOR GROWS

Rise Of Over 100 Per Cent In Week Attributed To Prospective Siberian Action

The lowly and discredited rouble, which has been productive of more "to buy or not to buy" soliloquies during the past few months than all the accumulated declamations of Mr. W. Shakespeare's famous paraphrase, rose up on its haunches yesterday and made a frenzied effort to climb into elite financial circles along with the uppish Mexican dollar and the exclusive and unsociable tael. In conjunction with the rise and, money men believe, probably its largest contributing cause was the story that Japan has decided to go into Siberia.

The jump of 7 or more points made by the rouble yesterday, bringing it up to a valuation of 22 to 23 cents Mex., or something over 16 tael cents, was the culmination of a rise of over 100 per cent which has come in the last week.

Before the end of the day a slump had started, however, and buyers disappeared.

Men in position to know state that the rise started in Japan and that several big orders for the Russian notes were placed here. This was taken as an indication of preparations for Japanese activity in Siberia where the Japanese government would need large sums of the money of the country. Another suggested cause for the increase was that there is a scarcity of the notes in circulation. Owing to the tremendous buying of speculators during the past few months the notes have practically disappeared, it is said, and the Siberian farmers and tradesmen, demanding cash for their products, have brought about the advances in valuation. There is also a report to the effect that Germans are also buying heavily.

Last week roubles could be bought as low as 1,500 for Taels 100, and in some cases even lower. The low mark of the rouble here has been 5 tael cents. Several large transactions were reported early in the day yesterday, in one instance a sale of Rls. 500,000 which were bought at 11 cents Mex.

JAPAN ASKS HIGHER RATE FOR SHIPPING TO AMERICA

Willing To Provide 150,000 Tons But At Different Terms For Charter

Reuter's Pacific Service

Tokio, March 17.—The Commission on the supply of shipping to America met on Saturday evening. The American proposal concerning the rate of charter being one-half what is actually prevailing here, a counter-proposal is believed to have been drawn up to be transmitted to America through the Government. The total tonnage to be supplied, namely, 150,000 tons, is unchanged. Counter-proposals for a different rate of charter and insurance are made. A spirit of conciliation is believed to be apparent in these proposals.

IRELAND MUST BE FREE, DILLON'S FIRST DEMAND

No League Of Nations Possible Till Old Wrong Is Righted, He Says

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 7.—Mr. John Dillon, M. P., the leader of the Nationalist party, speaking at Enniskillen yesterday, said that has task would be to tell England before the world that she must cease to talk of the League of Nations or to pretend that the war was in defence of the small nationalities until she has freed a country which has been groaning for seven hundred years under misgovernment.

The time had come to finish the Convention. If it failed to agree on a settlement, the Irish question would assume in a week or two a more formidable shape than ever. Young, unthinking enthusiasts anxious to establish an Irish Republic were not so numerous as they imagined.

He urged them to abandon their dangerous bluff and to join their compatriots in a united demand for the prize within their grasp. He warned them against being led into another rising, remarking that he knew their ranks were full of police spies.

ALLIES' 23 AIR RAIDS 'IMPRESSED GERMANS

Admit Considerable Damage To Industrial Districts And 49 Casualties

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, March 15.—A telegram from Berlin states that there were twenty-three air raids made by the Allies in February, including thirteen on the industrial districts of Lorraine, Luxembourg and the Saar-Moselle Basin, three on Treves and one each on Saarbrucken, Mannheim and Pirmasens. The damage done to houses was not inconsiderable and twelve persons were killed and thirty-seven injured. An enemy biplane was captured.

HONGKONG FOREIGN LADY DEAD OF MENINGITIS

Mrs. MacLean Gibson Is Third European Victim Of Epidemic In South

Reuter's Pacific Service

Hongkong, March 17.—Mrs. McLean Gibson, the wife of Dr. Gibson, has died of spotted-fever. She is the third European victim of the disease.

SOVIETS RATIFY GERMAN PEACE OVER PROTESTS

Social Revolutionaries Reserve Right To Go On Fighting

ISSUE WARNINGS

May Do Everything Possible To Prevent Fulfillment Of Treaty

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Petrograd, March 16.—The Treaty of Peace signed at Brest-Litovsk was ratified by the Congress of Soviets at midnight on the 15th, after an open vote. Steinberg, the Commissary of Justice, announced that the Social Revolutionaries of the Left refused the responsibility and reserved the right to hinder the fulfillment of the terms of the Treaty by all the means in their power.

Petrograd, March 15.—The Congress of Soviets at Moscow opened yesterday. It includes 733 Maximalist and 238 Revolutionary Socialist delegates.

The Germans announce that, after ratification of the treaty of peace signed at Brest-Litovsk, German commissions with a right of veto will be appointed to the Russian Ministries to control the fulfillment of the treaty.

Prince Lvoff Arrested

The commander of the Northern front has arrested Prince Lvoff.

In order to strengthen her strategic position Germany has demanded the establishment of a new line seven miles east of the present Russian positions on the Pskoff front.

It is announced that the evacuation of Petrograd has been concluded. Inhabitants are prohibited to enter or leave, and trains have been suspended and the bourgeois newspapers which were suspended are allowed to republish.

Besides demanding the withrawal of the Russian troops in the region of Pskoff, the Germans insisted on the Russians helping to destroy the bands which are burning and pillaging in that region.

It is reported that fresh disorders have occurred in the German Fleet at the Aaland Islands.

The German Admiral von Siegert has been appointed Commandant of Odessa.

There were anti-Jewish riots in Odessa before its occupation.

The Government of the Caucasus has refused to recognise the Brest-Litovsk treaty providing for the cession to Turkey of the regions of Kars, Baum and Ardahan, and a delegation has gone to Trebizond to negotiate peace with Turkey.

Ratification May Cause Split

London, March 16.—Messages from Petrograd indicate that there is a strong undercurrent of opposition to the ratification of the Treaty of Peace signed at Brest-Litovsk.

The Social Revolutionaries of the Left, on the Council of Peoples' Commissioners, have resolved to resign if the Congress of Soviets in Moscow ratifies the treaty.

The Commissary of Justice publicly counsels the rejection of the treaty and says that the Congress of Soviets must form the necessary Government of Revolutionary Defence.

A German official communique says:

We dispersed enemy bands in the Ukraine and occupied Bachwatsch.

Amsterdam, March 15.—Peace negotiations between Russia and the Ukraine have begun at Kieff.

Germany Disappointed In Ukraine

Paris, March 16.—After having announced that the stock of cereals to be found in Ukrainia surpassed all expectations, the German press is now obliged to admit that the resources which will be at the disposal of the Central Powers have been exaggerated.

The Strassburger Post on the 14th published the following telegram from Berlin:

"It goes without saying that calm must be re-established before the

shipment of cereals can be made on the scale hoped for. To these difficulties are added those of a financial character. There is no currency of the Tsarist regime, while the Ukrainians prefer this money to the new issue of Roubles. The peasants in Ukrainia are eager for goods and the articles must be procured which they desire to receive in payment. There are also difficulties of transport, as is well known. With regard to the stocks of cereals in Ukrainia, the greatest estates have been almost entirely pillaged.' The peasants alone are in possession of provisions and in order to assure the future they must be supplied with sufficient seeds and agricultural material."

NORTHERNERS WINNING IN HUPEH FIGHTING

Southerners On Retreat And May Have To Give Up Even Changsha

(CHINA PRESS OWN SERVICE)

Peking, March 18.—The report that the Northern troops have retaken Yochow, Hupeh, has been confirmed. General Feng Yu-hsian, the brigade commander at Wusueh, Hupeh, has been degraded and assigned to General Tsao Kun for service.

Reuter's Pacific Service

Peking, March 18.—The attack of the Northern forces is progressing favorably. The Southerners are already retreating towards Changsha and it is learned from private sources that the Southern commanders admit their inability to hold Yochow and are even pessimistic with regard to Changsha.

The situation at Ichang, which was last reported to be invested by the Southerners, is obscure. General Wu Kwang-hsin completely controls the district around Shasi, from which the Southerners have retreated, and it is hoped therefore that Ichang will soon be relieved.

Canton, March 17.—The correspondence between Dr. Wu Ting-fang, representing the Military Government, and the British Consul-General regarding the salt-revenue closed on the 15th.

The Military Government will use the funds to support the Independent Navy at Canton and to defray the expenses of the National Assembly. Senator Wu Tien-cheng has been appointed Supervisor through the Bank of China. One-third of the salt revenue will be reserved and will be deposited in the Banque de L'Indo-Chine for payment of the interest and principal on the Reorganisation Loan.

The maximum monthly collection of salt revenue in Canton is $700,000.

The Fengtien troops in Chihli started moving Southward Sunday, according to a telegram from Peking last night. Two brigades have arrived at Hsuchowfu, Kiangsu, and will, it is said, reinforce the Anhui forces in case of any eventualities on the Kiangsu-Anhui border.

Openly defying the action of General Li Shun of Nanking in mobilising troops and instigating General Feng Yu-hsian to invade Anhui in conjunction with local Tufei, Tuchun Ni Shih-chung of Anhui reported to President Feng Sunday that he has despatched forces to crush the invaders. He informed the government that Hanshan has been captured by the rebels and the inmates of the penitentiary there have been liberated. Several cities including Taihu, Luanhsien, Wangkiang and Suisung are being being invaded, he said.

General Li Shun, on the other hand, asked President Feng for instructions as to how to handle the Fengtien troops should they fail to keep discipline after their arrival in Kiangsu territory, while General Wang Ting-chen, the Deputy Inspector-General of the Yangtsze, advised the President not to allow the Mukden forces to come down south at all.

According to advises received at the Peking-Mukden Railway station, 3,300 more Fengtien soldiers arrived at Chunliangchen, Chihli, on the night of the 16th.

A mandate Friday quashed the orders of July 14, 1917 and July 17, 1917, for the arrest of the monarchists during the Yuan Shih-k'ai regime and Chang Hsun's monarchical restoration.

LUXBURG IN CHILI?

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Buenos Aires, March 14.—It is reported that Count Luxburg has escaped to Chili.

MANILA CABLE FIXED

The Commercial Pacific Cable Company announced last night that the Shanghai-Manila cable had been repaired and the traffic resumed.

OUTLAWED MONARCHISTS ALL TO GET FREEDOM

Mandate Drafted Granting Pardon For Entire Band Except Chang Hsun

From Our Own Correspondent

Peking, March 15.—Kang Yu-wei, Liang Shih-yi, Chu Chi-chien, Chow Tze-chi, Yang Tu, Hsueh Tako, Ku Ao, Hsia Shan-tien, Liang Tun-yen and Hu Shu-wan, with innumerable small fry amongst the monarchists of either the pro-Manchu or the Hung Hsien regimes, may move about freely within twenty-four hours from the time at which this is being written; for a mandate has been drafted, and will be issued tonight or tomorrow night, pardoning all monarchists, connected with either of the monarchist movements, except Generals Chang Hsun and Wan Sheng-hsi, Sun Yu-yun, who has been dabbling in conspiracy in Anhui.

The mandate is interesting from several points of view, but chiefly for the alleged reasons for its promulgation. The President has been persuaded, first, that it is unfair to have pardoned some monarchists and not others, that is to say, to have pardoned three or four of the men connected with Yuan Shih-k'ai's monarchy and to leave men connected with last July's restoration still outlawed; and second, that so long as men of great ability remain outlawed it will be impossible to effect an understanding between north and south. It is expected that the mandate will mention by name Kang Yu-wei, the well known reformer; Yang Tu, who was the leading spirit in founding the Chou-an Hui, which did most of the propaganda work for Yuan's monarchical scheme; and Liang Tun-yen, who was foreign minister to the Restoration Government, and who has been living in the legation quarter ever since last July.

General Chang Hsun is not included in the list at present, as he is regarded as having been the chief offender last July; and his chief supporter, General Wang Sheng-hsi, is also still to be under the ban. The latter, it may be noted, is usually blamed, by General Chang and those who were associated with him, for the failure of the Restoration. It was he who drafted the restoration edicts, and he drafted them in such a haughty tone that no support was forthcoming for the movement. It is contended by some that had he adopted a different tone the movement would have obtained wide popular support. That is the view of those directly connected with the movement. The view of a great many who are monarchists at heart, but who at present either do not hold office or do so because they must butter their bread somehow, is that the fiasco of last July has made a real and permanent Restoration impossible for some years to come, if not for ever.

BRITISH TRADE INCREASES

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 15.—There has been an increase last month in exports of £181,995 and in imports of £28,106,145 as compared with February last year.

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'Women Of India,' Woman's Club Topic

Interesting Program Of Papers And Music Prepared For Today's Meeting

"Women of India" will be the subject of the regular meeting of the American Woman's Club, to be held this afternoon at the Carlton Cafe. Mrs. Roberts is to be the chairman.

Following is the program:

1. (a) Ashoo at her lattice.
   (b) The Bride's Song
   Mrs. J. H. Black.
2. The Home Life of the Women of India ..Mrs. R. P. Roberts.
3. Indian Songs and Lyrics
   Mrs. Frank Rawlinson.
4. Two Songs of India
   Mrs. Bradley.
5. —Present Day Emancipation of the Women of India
   Mrs. J. Ely.
6. (a) Less than the dust.
   (b) Pale hands I loved beside the Shalimax ....Mrs. Drake.

The Philanthropic Department of the American Woman's Club will meet next Thursday afternoon at five o'clock at the home of Mrs. S. I. Woodbridge, 176 North Szechuen Road. A full attendance is requested as the chairman for the ensuing year is to be elected.

Dr. Charles P. Bryan Dies Suddenly In U.S

Former Minister To Japan Succumbs Suddenly To Heart Failure

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, March 14.—Mr. Charles Page Bryan, formerly American Ambassador to Japan, has died of heart failure.

BIG EXPLOSION IN FRANCE

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, March 15.— Thirty persons were killed and many injured by the explosion at the Munitions Depot at St. Denis, which was built to replace the Deux Courtonnes Depot which was blown up in 1916. Few persons were working at the time of the explosion, which was very violent and was felt at a great distance, while a pall of smoke overhung the north of Paris.

Teething Time A Time of Worry

When baby is teething is a time of worry to most mothers. Baby's little gums become swollen and tender; he is cross; does not sleep well; is troubled with constipation, colic or diarrhoea, and sometimes even convulsions seize him. During this period nothing can equal the use of Baby's Own Tablets, the Canadian childrens' remedy. They regulate the bowels and stomach and make the teething so easy that the mother scarcely realises baby is getting his teeth. Concerning the Tablets Mrs. Arthur Archibald, New Town, Nova Scotia, writes: "I used Baby's Own Tablets when baby was getting his teeth and I found them an excellent medicine." The Tablets are sold by chemists, or by mail at 60 cents a vial from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 96 Szechuen Road, Shanghai.

HOLLAND MUST GIVE UP MILLION TONS OF SHIPS

70 Per Cent In American Ports, 15 Per Cent In British

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 15.—The Austrian and German press is very indignant at the Allies taking over Dutch shipping.

The Neue Freie Presse characterises their action as an unprecedented act of violence against a neutral.

The German press demands drastic reprisals and threatens to cease the supply to Holland of coal and other necessaries.

Light is thrown on the action taken by the Allies with regard to Dutch shipping by a statement issued by the United States War Trade Board that cumulative evidence shows that Germany is now using submarines to prevent her neighbor neutrals receiving food from the United States or the Allies in order to starve the neutrals into political and economic dependence on Germany. There are also indications that submarines are being used to destroy neutral shipping, regardless of how it is being employed, in order to weaken neutral competitors of Germany after the war.

"The campaign of intimidation of Holland and Scandinavia which the German press is carrying on is obviously intended to prevent neutrals completing agreements which will benefit neutrals equally with the United States and the Allies."

In an interview Lord Robert Cecil lays stress upon the fact that the contemplated taking over of Dutch ships is based on the sole desire of the Allies to obviate the laying up of shipping which may be useful for the world at large. He points out that these ships are lying indefinitely in our harbors and are receiving various facilities in consequence. All nations ought to combine to oppose the German attempt to starve not only Germany's enemies but the world.

The total Dutch shipping in Allied ports approximates a million tons, of which 70 per cent is in ports of the United States, 15 per cent in British ports and the remainder in other Allied ports.

The Hague, March 13.—The Dutch Consul General at Singapore reports that clearance has been refused various Dutch ships, including those of the Royal Packet Company.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, through the Dutch Minister in London, has asked the British Government for information on the subject.

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CORNER IN TEXTILES PLANNED BY GERMANY?

Investigation Begun Of Alleged Enemy Plot To Buy Up Supplies In U.S.

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

New York, March 15.—The State authorities have begun an investigation to determine whether certain woollen merchants here have been trying to corner the wool and cotton supplies of the world for the benefit of Germany.

The Textile Alliance, a semi-official Anglo-American Agency, is interested in the inquiry.

Julius Forstmann, a woollen manufacturer, testified that while the United States was still neutral, he received instructions from Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, to take orders from Dr. Albert, the German Financial Agent, in all matters relating to wool shipments. The witness at the time believed that he was also acting in the interest of the United States. He said that he had seen a letter from Mr. W. J. Bryan, who was then Secretary of State, declaring that he would be glad if he could accommodate the Germans with textiles, as he could thereby get German dyes in return.

At this point the prosecutor remarked that he did not doubt that the witness undertook to ship wool to Germany on the authority of the State Department, but he would show that this authority was obtained by false pretences.

BRITAIN WAS FOR PEACE, LICHNOWSKY ADMITS

Secret Memorandum Of Former Ambassador To London Comes To Light

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 15.—The Stockholm correspondent of the Times wires that the Socialist newspaper Politiken publishes a Memorandum written by Prince Lichnowsky on German policy when he was Ambassador in London.

The Memorandum was written in August, 1916, for the purpose of expounding and justifying his position to his personal friends. Only half-a-dozen typewritten copies were made, one of which, through betrayal, reached the German Foreign Office, where it caused a great scandal. Another reached the Minority Socialists, who somehow got it across the German frontier.

The document, which the Times accepts as authentic, is chiefly important as affording additional and overwhelming proof of Great Britain's constant desire for peace. Prince Lichnowsky describes how on his arrival in London in 1912 he found that Sir Edward Grey refused to give up the idea of an agreement with Germany. "The aim of British statesmen was not to isolate Germany but to get Germany to participate in the already established concert by removing the causes of friction between England and Germany and securing world peace by a network of agreements."

Prince Lichnowsky adds that Sir Edward Grey seemed to find a way out of every apparent deadlock.

The Times accepts the document as authentic.

MOTIVES OF JAPANESE DEFENDED BY BALFOUR

Any Action They Take Will Be In Russia's Interests, He Says

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 14.—Continuing his discussion of the situation in Russia in his address in the Commons Mr. Balfour said that people would come to say that this disorder was intolerable and any alternative giving a semblance of order would be better. Germany, waiting for such an eventuality, would intervene and establish a new government, possibly some form of autocracy, which would be far worse than in the days before the Revolution because it would be an autocracy leaning upon a foreign Power for its existence. Russian liberty would then be gone and Russia would be a mere echo of the Central Powers. He was unable to see how Russia could resist this malady without external help. The question was, Could any of the Allies go to Russia with the help and sympathy which she sorely needed. America, Great Britain, France and Japan all desired to render aid which would enable Russia to surmount this great crisis in her destiny?

Mr. Balfour in the strongest terms repudiated the suggestion that Japan was actuated by selfish or dishonorable motives. Any promise Japan gave with regard to the integrity of Russia would be kept loyally as all her promises have been kept.

The sole object of the Allies was to see Russia strong, intact, secure and free, for only then will the Revolution bear all the fruits which its friends desired.

Sequel To Share Frauds Begins In British Court

First Case Of Stolen Stock Transfers Comes Up As Echo To Carneiro Embezzlement

The first echo in the local courts to the recent Carneiro fraud sensation came yesterday when Mr. Olaf Thoresen applied in the British Supreme Court for the cancellation of transfers of 225 shares of Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co. stock, stolen from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and subsequently sold to other parties.

The shares are supposed to have been extracted from the bank by L. C. Lemos, formerly an assistant in the accountant's office, who left for Japan with J. L. Carneiro, well-known local sharebroker, and R. Carneiro, a clerk of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, also alleged to have removed shares from that institution. The total amount involved in the frauds has been variously estimated at from Tls. 500,000 to over a million. The three men are now in custody in Nagasaki and it is expected that they will be brought back to Shanghai in a short time.

Yesterday's application was made before Judge Sir Havilland de Sausmarez, Mr. Duncan McNeill appearing for the applicant. The present holders of the shares are Messrs. A. L. Anderson and H. C. Marshall, who hold 100 and 25 respectively, and Mei Kee, who holds 100. Mr. W. A. C. Platt appeared for the Dock Co., Mr. R. F. C. Master for Mr. Anderson and Mei Kee, Mr. E. W. Godfrey for Mr. Marshall, and Mr. G. H. Wright watched the case for the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Affidavits by the various parties were read. Mr. Thoresen, who is a Norwegian subject, set forth that he had deposited the shares with the Bank at various times between July 17, 1916, and March 29, 1917. He had been informed of their theft on Dec. 22 last year and he had never sold the shares or authorised their sale or transfer.

Mr. Anderson, in his affidavit, stated that he received 100 shares from the Chekiang Industrial bank on December 11, 1917, the institution requesting him to sell them. He bought 50 himself at that time and later the other fifty. At the time of the purchase he had no knowledge for whom the bank was acting, but subsequently he was informed that it was for a Chinese client. On December 13 he was informed that the shares were stolen shares.

The Dock Company's affidavits declare that certificates for the three lots of shares were received by them on December 10 and 12, each with a transfer duly executed in the name of Mr. Thoresen in favor of the present holders.

Following is the affidavit of Mr. W. C. Turner of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank regarding the missing shares:

1.—William Cecil Dutton Turner of 12 The Bund, Shanghai, bank accountant, a British subject, makes oath and says as follows:—

1.—I am the Accountant at Shanghai of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and as such accountant I have charge of shares and other securities deposited by customers of the bank either for safe custody or in consideration of financial facilities afforded by the bank.

2.—The safes in which such shares and securities are kept are situated in the Accountant's office of the said bank and such shares and securities are contained in envelopes with the name of the customer endorsed thereon.

3.—Besides myself the staff of the Accountant's office consists of two British, three Portuguese and two Chinese assistants.

4.—Up to the 30th day of June, 1914, the Portuguese assistants in the said Accountant's office had access to the said safes for the purpose of removing and replacing customers' securities in connection with their duties, but from and after this date access to the said safes for such purpose was generally restricted to the British assistants in the said Accountant's office, Portuguese assistants, however, were still permitted to put away their office baskets in the said safes on leaving the office.

5.—On various dates as appears from the books of the bank between the 17th July, 1916, and the 29th March, 1917, one Olaf Thoresen deposited with the bank 225 shares in the above-named Company, such shares being included in various certificates which on or about the 25th June, 1917, were exchanged for three certificates numbered respectively 4865, 4866 and 4867, and the said last mentioned certificates were placed in one of the said safes. No receipt was demanded by or given to the said Olaf Thoresen for the said certificates or for those for which they were exchanged but I am satisfied that the above mentioned entry in the bank's books contains a correct statement of the fact of the deposit. The said shares were deposited as security for an account current.

6.—During the afternoon of the 7th day of December, 1917, one L. C. Lemos a Portuguese assistant in the said Accountant's office, absented himself from the bank on the plea of sickness.

7.—On the 10th day of December, 1917, I learnt that rumors were current that J. L. Carneiro, a Portuguese sharebroker, together with one R. Carneiro, a Portuguese clerk in the employ of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, Shanghai, had absconded with large sums of money obtained by means of forged share certificates and transfer deeds. Upon receipt of such information inquiries were made at the home of the said L. C. Lemos, when it appeared that he had left Shanghai on the evening of the 7th day of December, 1917, stating that he was going to Nanking by the midnight train.

8.—Upon receipt of such information a careful examination was made of all securities deposited by customers and in the course of such examination it appeared that the above mentioned certificates deposited by the said Olaf Thoresen had been taken from the custody of the bank.

9.—I have since learnt that the said L. C. Lemos left Shanghai for Japan in the company of the said J. L. Carneiro and R. Carneiro and that they now lie in custody of the Japanese Police in Japan.

10.—To the best of my belief no official of the bank having authority to deal with securities deposited in the above manner has attempted to deal with the said securities which appeared to have been dealt with by some person without authority.

11.—The said L. C. Lemos had been in the employ of the bank for 16 years and had been in the Accountant's office for seven years and by me and other officials of the bank was considered to be a truly trustworthy servant. In virtue of his long service and good behavior he was one of the subordinate members of the Accountant's staff who was employed amongst other things in entering customers' securities in the security ledger. The said L. C. Lemos had also occasion from time to time, at the request of the British assistants of the Accountant's office, to remove and replace from the said safe envelopes containing customers securities.

12.—I believe it would have been possible for the said L. C. Lemos while handling such securities to abstract some of them without attracting notice, as it is not possible in the daily course of business for the responsible officials of the bank to keep the actions of subordinate employees under continual observation.

13.—The securities of the bank are checked from time to time by the Inspector who is a qualified member of the staff of the bank.

The case was adjourned.

M. Thomas Writes On His Visit To England

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 14.—The French Socialist leader, Mr. Albert Thomas, writing in the Daily Chronicle concerning his impressions during his visit to Great Britain, says that he was overjoyed to witness the strength and greatness of industrial Britain. The whole of their extended activities testified that the British realised that economic means were necessary to secure the triumph of the ideals of freedom dear to Great Britain and France. The very constitution of the British Empire and the long-established intercourse between Great Britain and her Dominions constituted the best foundations for the League of Nations.

Mr. Thomas says that public opinion in Great Britain is better than he was led to expect. A rumor spread through the Continent a few weeks ago that Great Britain had been seized with a great longing for peace and her Government was searching for means to end the war as speedily as possible. His visit had convinced him that the tenacity and determination of the British to prosecute the war was as strong as during the Napoleonic wars.

TRIBUTE TO DOMINIONS

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 15.—Mr. Walter Long, Secretary of State for the Colonies, speaking today at an entertainment given to Overseas officers in London, paid a very handsome tribute to the men from the Dominions who have come thousands of miles to defend the Empire which they and their fathers helped to build up. Apart from destroying the power of our enemies, another task was the construction of the British Empire, which only awakened to a knowledge of her strength and possibilities when the war began. The Empire had a tremendous opportunity. We had learned that distances in reality were nothing and had resolved for closer union after the war on surer foundations and for a far greater Empire in the future than in the past.

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COL. ROOSEVELT'S SON WOUNDED IN FRANCE

Captain Archibald Roosevelt Has His Leg Broken By Shrapnel

Reuter's Pacific Service

Peking, March 15.—The following telegrams received by wireless from San Diego, Cal., dated March 14, have been handed to Reuter's Agency by the American Legation:

New York.—Captain Archibald Roosevelt has been wounded in France by shrapnel. His leg is broken. Colonel Roosevelt has been notified.

Washington.—The Senate has adopted the Conference report on the Administration Railroad Control Bill after rejecting the provision for eliminating the power of the states to tax carriers while under Government control. The bill now goes to the House of Representatives for final action.

Ottawa. — The United States-Canadian fisheries dispute has been settled at least for during the period of the war. The agreement provides for the fishing vessels of both countries being permitted to enter other ports from the fishing grounds.

New York.—Three thousand Lithuanians, attending a convention, have pledged themselves to support the United States in the war. A resolution was carried, praising President Wilson for liberating oppressed peoples.

The members of the Allied Special Missions to Rumania have left Jassy for Odessa under safe conduct. The King of Rumania has been quarantined.

Atlantic Port.—The s.s. Kirshaw, with 121 passengers on board, ran ashore in a fog on the New England coast. Tugs have been sent to the scene and coast guards are rigging a breeches buoy to take off the passengers. The vessel is lying on a sandy bottom and is in no danger.

Los Angeles.—Mrs. Lucretia Rudolph Garfield, widow of the ex-President and mother of the Fuel Administrator, has died at her winter home in South Pasadena, aged eight-five.

Trade Commissioner For Straits Coming

Mr. P. J. McKellan To Leave England Within Week For Far Eastern Field

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 14.—Mr. P. J. McKellen, the new Trade Commissioner at Singapore, is expected to leave England next week to take up his appointment.

Halifax Pilot Freed On Lack Of Evidence

Charges Of Manslaughter In Connection With Great Explosion Unsubstantiated

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Halifax, Nova Scotia, March 15.—The charges of manslaughter against Mackay, the pilot on board the steamer Mont Banc at the time of the collision in the harbor which resulted in an explosion which devastated Halifax, have been dismissed on the grounds of insufficient evidence of criminal culpability.

Arithmetic In Chinese

The Printing Department of the Siccawei Orphanage have just gotten out of the press the first volume of a series of text-books now being published on arithmetic in Chinese, by the Rev. Father Louis Janssens, of the Belgian Mission, director of the College of Notre Dame des Pins, Eastern Mongolia.

This publication deals with the four operations.

Father Janssens has noticed that the difficult language used in books in the elementary classes have often been the cause of slow progress on the part of the students. In order to avoid this he has simplified the language as much as possible. The succeeding volumes will be written in more advanced Chinese.

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6th—Gleguiska, Russia Post; Vladivostok.
13th—Pernot Gare; Moscow.
16th—Pernot Gare; Moscow.
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13th—Railton, Astor House; Chefoo.
15th—Tjiahdjoe, Shanghai; Semarang.
16th—Liang, Woosung Road 787, Shanghai; Paris.
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Returned Students To Organise A Club

Chinese Who Have Studied In America To Hold Dinner Tomorrow Night

All Chinese returned students from America residing in Shanghai and its vicinity have been invited to a dinner tomorrow evening at 6.30 o'clock at the Oriental Hotel, Nanking Road, for the organisation of a social club.

The gathering is the result of a resolution passed at a meeting of about 60 former American returned students last December, when an organisation committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. S. K. Lok, chief justice of the Shanghai District Court; H. Y. Moh, V. C. Chang, K. S. Lee and J. Y. Lee.

Dance Music Today

The following program of dance music will be played by the band at the Town Hall this evening, beginning at 5.30 o'clock:

1. One Step—"La Brulante"....Winne
2. One Step—"You made me love you" ..... Monaco
3. Waltz—"Bebe" ..... Vessey
4. One Step—"On the Mississippi".....Carroll
5. Waltz—"Nights of Gladness".....Ancliffe
6. One Step—"The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" ..... Smith

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First Historical Concert

Any one who attended the opening concert of the historical series which Messrs. Mirovitch and Piastro began at the Olympic Theater Sunday, from a sense of duty or for the purely educational value of the historical phase, expecting to have some dry bones of music held up and rattled, was most agreeably surprised to find that for melodious treatment of their themes, the composers of the seventeenth century were fully abreast of their brethren today, perhaps in advance of many of them.

Not only was the music beautiful in itself, but it seemed to arouse some added spirituality in the performers. Certainly Piastro's bow never has swung to more beautifully cadenced phrases than in the Rameau number, nor has Mirovitch played with more fire than in the Bach and Scarlatti portions of the program. The audience felt it, too, and expressed their appreciation of the work of these two masters of their instruments with resounding applause.

The second concert, previously advertised for next Saturday night, has been postponed until Sunday afternoon owing to Saturday night being the closing one of the Frawley Company's engagement, which news should be received with gratification by the many who wished to attend both.

Obituary

Sir George Alexander

Reuter's Service

London, March 16.—The death is announced of Sir George Alexander, the well-known actor-manager.

700 ENDANGERED WHEN STEAMER HITS WARSHIP

Mine-sweeper And Railway Boat Clash In Irish Channel But Are Towed To Harbor

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 15.—The London and North Western Railway's steamer Rathmore (1,569 tons) has collided with a warship in the Irish Channel. The Rathmore was badly damaged and 26 persons are missing and 20 injured.

London, March 16.—The London and North-Western Railway says that there were no fatalities through the accident to the Rathmore.

A telegram from Dublin states that it is probable that four persons perished in the collision. The Rathmore was carrying 660 soldiers and 38 civilians, including women and children. She collided with a mine-sweeper in the darkness. Her boats were lowered and one was capsized but the occupants were rescued. The soldiers and crew very coolly slid down the ropes on to the decks of the destroyers which came to the vessel's assistance. The Rathmore and the mine-sweeper with which she collided, have been towed into harbor.

BRITISH NAVY LEAGUE

The Hon. Secretary to reports that he has remitted to the head office, London, a draft for £154 to cover the branch remittance annually of £50, and the donation provided each year since the war began of £104 to be allotted by the Admiralty to a naval hospital. It will be remembered that the last donation was spent in the provision of pianos and billiard tables for the convalescent wards at Plymouth.

During the past year the local branch provided for the welcome of the British blue jackets and their entertainment in the summer, together with a special subscription to a Christmas Holly Berry fund for each of the river gunboats on the station. It provided also for the passage of one distressed person and altogether spent a sum exceeding $2,600.

Members who have forgotten to send in their subscriptions for 1917 are reminded that they will be welcomed. There is no special call at the moment for the 1918 subscription. Reoccupation of the canteen on the departure of the American Y.M.C.A. for other quarters has made it necessary for the local branch of the league to be ready to meet a monthly payment of a hundred dollars. New members will, therefore, be greeted with more than usual warmth.

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Victory Only Road To Peace, Says Asquith

Tells Women's Federation That Pact With Russia Is Sample Of Teutons' Intentions

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 15.—Mr. Asquith, in a speech to the Women's Liberal Federation today, said that the alleged peace concluded between Russia and Germany was an object lesson of the kind of peace Germany would seek to impose on the Allies. Victory was the only road by which the peace of the world could be placed beyond jeopardy of the ambitions and rivalry of selfish mischief-making interests and forces.

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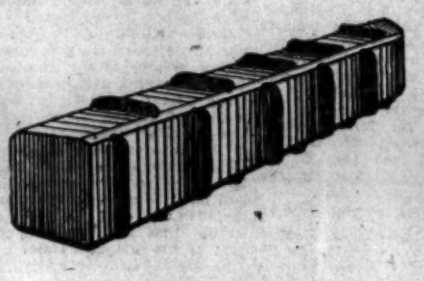

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HINDENBURG CONFIDENT ATTACK WILL SUCCEED

'Hard Task But We Now Can Think Of It Owing To German Morale,' He Says

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, March 15.—Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff, interviewed with regard to the military situation, said that having burst the strangling chain they could now concentrate towards the west. "We can now think of attacking. If it comes it will be a hard task. The enemy on the Franco-British front alone has abundance of reserve divisions and possesses a well consolidated network of railways, but it is moral strength that matters. We are entirely confident that the battle, which is bursting, will prove successful for us. The center-point is the good spirit of the German soldiers. We are confident that this spirit is flourishing everywhere in the homeland.

Germans Confine Activity To Raids

(Continued from Page 1)

in the neighborhood of the River Scarpe, northward of Lens, on both sides of the La Bassee Canal and in the Messines sector.

Our artillery set fire to a large dump eastward of Queant.

Aviation.—Our machines have been busy on reconnaissance and artillery work, photography and bombing, and there has been a great deal of fighting in the air east of the line along the whole front.

Yesterday over 12 tons of bombs were dropped on rest-billets, ammunition depots and aerodromes.

We also made a successful raid on the important railway sidings at Hirson, hits being obtained on the railway.

We brought down twelve enemy machines and drove down seven others out of control. None of ours are missing.

Our night-flying machines continued their activity until the morning, dropping over eight and a half tons of bombs on rest-billets. They have all returned.

Today our aeroplanes attacked military objectives in Germany. Fourteen heavy and ten lighter bombs were dropped on the barracks, munition-factories and railway-station at Zweibrucken. Bursts were seen on the barracks and all round the railway-station. Our formation was attacked by scouts and anti-aircraft guns but all our machines have returned.

London, March 17, noon.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We carried out successful raids in the neighborhood of Epehy and Gavrelle.

We repulsed a raid northward of Lens.

There have been hostile artillery bombardments southward of the Bapaume-Cambrai Road, in the valley of the Scarpe and eastward of Polygon Wood and also against our rear defences southward of Lens, between the La Bassee Canal and the Lys and very active southwestward of Cambrai and along the whole front from the La Bassee Canal to the Menin Road.

French Retake Position

Paris, March 15.—The official communique issued this afternoon reports:

We drove the enemy out from the trenches he occupied west of Mont Cornillet, in Champagne, on the 1st, taking 42 prisoners.

Simultaneously a detachment of our troops penetrated the German lines at Mont Blond and brought back some prisoners.

The official communique issued this evening reports:

There has been a fairly violent artillery duel, especially on the right of the Meuse in the regions of Bezonvaux and Vacherauville.

We dispersed an enemy raid, which followed on a lively bombardment west of Merville, in Lorraine.

Paris, March 16.——The official communique issued this evening reports:

There has been a lively artillery action on the right of the Meuse.

U.S. WHEAT HOLDINGS DECREASE 20 PER CENT

Flour Stocks Only 30 Per Cent Of Normal But Allies Will Be Cared For

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, March 16.—The Department of Agriculture estimates the wheat holdings of mills and elevators at 68,972,000 bushels, being a decrease of 20 million bushels as compared with the same period last year.

The Food Administration declares that the stocks of flour in the country are only 30 per cent of the normal quantity needed till July 1, but it intends to carry out the program of supplying 90 million bushels of grain to the Allies between January 1 and July 1, which is regarded as America's most important duty.

DANISH STEAMER TORPEDOED

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Copenhagen, March 15.—The Danish steamer Randelsborg (1,551 tons) has been torpedoed outside the danger-zone proclaimed by Germany. The captain was taken prisoner and the crew abandoned after the Germans had rifled the ship.

Get rid of that cold by spraying your nasal passages with a solution of "BK;" they will instantly be cleared.

Paris-Rome Postal Air Service Planned

Ministers In Conference Desire Also To Include The Balkans And North Africa

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, March 15.—The French and Italian Ministerial Commission on Aerial Questions has met in Rome to discuss the problem of a postal air-service between Italy, France and the Balkans.

The establishment is assured of rapid communication in the near future between the European capitals on the one hand and the Balkan coast and North Africa on the other.

'Royal' Is Added To Title Of Air Force

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 15.—The Gazette announces that the Air Force will henceforth be styled the Royal Air Force.

Finland Will Supply Germany With Butter

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Stockholm, March 16.—The Finnish Food Committee is issuing butter as a ration with a view to exporting the surplus to Germany in exchange for corn.

EIGHT DEAD AT HARTLEPOOL

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 16.—The Press Bureau announces that the total casualties arising from the airship raid on Hartlepool on the night of the 13th were two men, two women and four children killed and four men, nine women and nine children injured.

168 Guns Captured At Erzerum, Turks Assert

Mine Throwers Also In Booty Which Moslems Report As Being Taken

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 16.—(By Wireless). A Turkish official communique dated the 15th reports:—

We captured 168 guns and a number of mine-throwers at Erzerum.

ITALY'S REVENUES ARE NOW ON UPWARD TREND

State Monopolies Double Takings And Fifth War Loan Nets Five Milliards

Reuter's Pacific Service

Peking, March 15.—Reuter's Agency has received the following telegram, dated Rome, March 14, from an authoritative Italian source:

Favorable signs of economic improvement during the actual period of the war are noticed in Italy. Taxes are regularly paid and the State monopolies have nearly doubled their takings. The fifth war loan has now reached the sum of five milliards lire. The new national institute of exchange has begun its operations with the object of monopolising the purchase and sale of foreign exchange and money, and it is causing an improvement in foreign exchange.

The population of Naples has gone through the first enemy air raid with perfect calm in spite of there being 22 victims, whose funerals afforded occasions for great patriotic demonstrations against the Germans.

His Majesty the King and General Diaz were present at the distribution of Italian war medals to the French officers who distinguished themselves at Monte Tomba and of French war crosses to the Italian officers of the Sasari and Liguria brigades.

War expenses in January amounted to 33 milliards lire. The monthly expenses average one milliard and 310 millions.

Give Germans Chance To Bomb Officers Too

British To Treat Them As Prisoners In Germany Are Placed In Danger

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 15.—Reuter's Agency is informed that the German Government, having intimated it considers itself entitled to place British officers in whatever localities may be convenient, whether the localities are specially liable to air raids or not, the British Government naturally has decided to adopt a similar course in the case of German officers.

OVERSEAS TRADE BILL READ

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 14.—The Bill establishing the Secretariat of the Overseas Trade Department passed its second reading.

SECRECY MAINTAINED ON SMUTS' MISSION

Minister Refuses To Say Whether He Met Former Austrian Ambassador

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 14.—In the House of Lords today Lord Willoughby de Broke drew attention to the statements that General Smuts recently met Count Mensdorff, formerely Austrain Ambassador to Great Britain.

Lord Curzon said that he unhesitatingly concluded that a question of this kind would lead to a highly undesirable discussion and if Lord Willoughby de Broke persisted in putting the question he should decline to answer it.

The question was thereupon withdrawn.

U-Boat War Losing, Says Mr. Daniels

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, March 17.—Mr. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, has stated that there was no doubt that the Allies would win against the submarines. They were winning surely and steadily. They were capturing some submarines and destroying more. The Germans were not sinking more merchantmen than would be building and, with the increased building in the summer in the United States and Great Britain, the difficulty would be overcome more and more.

Weddings

Porter-Hutchison, Annett-Hutchison

A double wedding occurred at the British Consulate yesterday when the Misses Elizabeth Grubb Arthur and Mabel Mowat, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Hutchison of Shanghai, were married to Mr. Cyril W. Porter and Mr. Marcel Auguste Annett. The civil ceremony at the Consulate, conducted by Sir Everard Fraser, was followed by a church ceremony at Union Church, the Rev. C. E. Darwent officiating.

Mr. Porter is to leave for England next month to offer his services to his country and a presentation reception in honor of his approaching marriage was held by members of the St. Andrew's Society at the Shanghai Club last Friday evening. Mr. Porter was formerly secretary of the Society. Mr. Annett is the second son of the late Thomas Annett of London.

Swedish Withdraw From Aaland Islands

Evacuation Does Not Weaken Sweden's Position Politically, Says Stockholm

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Stockholm, March 15.—It is officially stated that the detachment of Swedish troops despatched to superintend the Russian evacuation of the Aaland Islands has begun to withdraw but their withdrawal in no way prejudices the position of Sweden with regard to political questions connected with the Aaland Islands.

Shanghai Golf Club

Following are the results of the Shanghai Golf Club monthly Cup competition, played Saturday and Sunday, the conditions being 18 holes Medal play, with Club handicaps:

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A. Wilson	87	6	81
C. Knight	88	6	82

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IMPARTIAL AND PROGRESSIVE

SHANGHAI, MARCH 19, 1918

Playing With Fire

COINCIDENT with the return to Peking of Baron Hayashi, Japanese Minister to China, comes the announcement from Tokio that Former Premier Tong Shoa-yi, is to be received by the Japanese Government as a state guest. Mr. Tong is not a member of the Peking Government. He is indeed, at the forefront of the Southern Constitutionalist movement against that government. In view of this, the present action of the Japanese government is of peculair significance. Does it forecast recognition in some form of the government recently established at Canton?

The fact that Mr. Tong has left China at this critical moment and gone to consult the Japanese Government, is in itself important but the fact that he is to be given this special honor, makes the visit doubly important, especially when the press is full of rumors that Baron Hayashi is the bearer of a note of warning to the Peking Government that Japan in view of her various commitments to the Allies and the situation that has developed in Siberia, cannot longer view with equanimity the unrest and civil strife that are gradually bringing China to her knees. and indeed disturbing the whole Far East.

Whether or not there is any truth in this report will develop in the next few days but that such a report should be circulated and find credence at all is but more evidence of the deplorable state to which China has been reduced by the unceasing and increasing quarrels of her politicians.

Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad, and it would almost seem that some perverse fate has breathed the poison of insanity into these Chinese civil and military leaders who have dragged their country to the verge of ruin. The great mass of the Chinese people are forced to look on passively at the spectacle of their heritage being made the object of a coarse struggle amongst a handful of men to whom welfare of country is a secondary consideration. There is something cynical, monstrous and unclean about the whole sorry affair—about the unedifying spectacle of self-seeking politicians and swashbucklers committing national suicide in the name of the Chinese Republic, just as heretics were burned at the stake "for the glory of the Lord."

The Chinese politico-warriors profess that they wish jealously to safeguard the independence and sovereignty of their country, yet they stultify themselves by doing the very thing calculated to expose the country to the tender mercies of any external foe who chooses to step in at the psychological and selected moment. Assuming that Japan really entertains—we do not say she does—aggressive designs on China, could the time be more opportune than now for the carrying out of those designs? Those Chinese who are professedly loyal to their country do not appear to realise that they cannot with reason blow hot and cold in the same breath.

If they are really anxious, as they profess, to save their country from falling a possible prey to outside aggressors, then they are bound to sink their differences and present a united front to the world. If, on the other hand, the safety and welfare of their country is a matter of little consequence to them, then they cannot do better than prolong the sordid struggle. You have but to scratch the coating of simulated patriotism to find the self-seeker underneath. It is absurd to suggest that there is no basis for an immediate settlement. With a little honesty, and a modicum of patriotism, a settlement could be reached tomorrow if a settlement were genuinely desired. But the contestants in the present struggle seem to think that is does not really matter a jot how long the contest is continued so long as foreign life and property are safe. They fail to see that such comparative immunity from molestation of foreign life and property is after all but a negative advantage. In the final analysis, a prolongation of the present contest is bound to have an injurious and adverse effect, both on Chinese and foreign interests. The present struggle is setting forces in motion that might in time become uncontrollable. Republicanism may easily assume an anarchistic tendency and the "Virtuous Army" may become merely so many brigands. It is easy to create a big body of fighting men but it is exceedingly difficult to control them once discipline and restraint have disappeared.

There are whispers of a monarchical restoration in connection with the present crisis. Nothing could conceivably be a greater disaster to China than the re-introduction of a monarchy at this juncture. Her credit would be instantly shattered. This tinkering and experimenting with forms of government would naturally create the impression that the Chinese people do not know what they want. If the rumors of a restoration in the near future of ex-Emperor Hsuan Tung mature, then the defeat of Chang Hsun last July by the republican forces will have become a farce and a jest. It will have vindicated Chang Hsun in the eyes of the country and it will have shown that what is not good for the country if done by one set of men is perfectly proper if achieved by another set of men.

The absurdity of such a situation is obvious. If General Chang Tso-lin of Fengtien is really, as is alleged in certain well-informed quarters, hurrying ex-Emperor Hsuan Tung's steps to the foot of the Dragon Throne, then the stage managers of this tragi-comedy are truly playing with fire and are apt not only to singe themselves but to bring irretrievable disaster on the whole country. The need has become all the more pressing for the friendly Foreign Powers to notify the Chinese Government and people that they are treading on dangerous ground.

CLOTHLESS CLOTHES NEXT

By Frederic J. Haskin

The other day a middle-western buyer entered the offices of a well-known New York clothing establishment, prepared to do his fall buying. As he looked about him, he recalled with pleasure his visit to this same establishment two years before.

Then the senior partner had come forth to greet him, had put at his disposal a box of cigars and had insisted that he should honor the firm by lunching with him at a nearby hotel. Tickets were supplied him for a popular Broadway hit, for which it was asserted no one could obtain tickets, and the little blond stenographer in the front office had accompanied him.

This time no one came forth to greet him; no one even looked up from his work. He was given a chair, at last, in a room with several other buyers, and the office boy who took his card informed him condescendingly that he would try to arrange an interview with the general manager within an hour or so. All the members of the firm, according to the office boy, were out of town. The little blond stenographer in the front office told him that she was very sorry, but she was too busy to talk!

"Just one question," pleaded the buyer. "Is there any way in which I can get the senior partner to go to dinner with me?"

Things have changed in the American clothing trade in the past two years. From a period of overproduction and keen competition with Europe the clothing industry has reached a period of severe scarcity in raw material and in labor. Up to 1916, manufacturers were still devoting only part of their energies to producing goods; the rest were devoted to selling it. Buyers were persuaded, wheedled, argued, coaxed, bullied into buying goods. Now the positions are reversed. It is the buyer who must coax and threaten the manufacturer into selling him goods.

Buyers are already placing their orders for next winter's woolen garments, and cannot afford to be too particular at that. It is largely a question of taking what you can get. Most manufacturers have a sliding scale of prices for each month, since the cost of raw materials is still on the increase. The price of wool, for example, has advanced 300 per cent since the outbreak of the war, and with this must be figured the rising cost of labor which is now said to have risen 60 per cent above pre-war rates.

We have heard much about the scarcity of wool, but now that the importation and exportation of wool are under the control of the government, we are likely to hear more. The government has already raised its voice against the extravagance of present American fashions. Belts and large sleeves and superfluous pockets on woolen wear have all been condemned by Uncle Sam—also the fashion show. The Chicago Garment Manufacturers' Association has just announced that it will not hold its annual style show this year, because "by eliminating production of garments needed for the event they will save many yards of materials."

Other concerns are holding fashion shows, it is true, but it is guaranteed that all of the materials will be used, and the proceeds of the ticket office usually go to some society for war relief.

The fabric situation, indeed, steadily grows worse. Cotton is higher than it has been since 1868, and now shows every sign of outstripping the records of that historic year in cotton history. Imported gingham this year is to retail for one dollar a yard, the former price of good messaline and velvet, while domestic gingham, once considered fit only for the kitchen, is now a popular drawing room material.

As for linen, dealers now predict that the next six months will practically see the end of linen in the United States. The only shipments of linen received by this country recently have been from Great Britain, and Great Britain has now limited exportation of all but a very low grade of linen for the rest of the war. Linen fabric weighing four ounces to the yard and containing between 1,300 and 1,800 warp yarns is used for the wings of airplanes, which, at present, are considered by the government to be more important than commercial table-cloths. A supply of linen is now held in American warehouses, but only enough to last for six months.

There is one ray of hope in the linen situation, and that is Russia. If flax can be obtained from Russia and shipped in large quantities to Great Britain, the fabric may not become extinct in American fabric markets.

Another shortage which is causing some embarrassment now is the scarcity of needles. Machine needles are astonishingly scarce, owing to the conversion of needle factories into munitions plants, and hand-sewing needles are also beginning to show signs of disappearing entirely.

It is a fact not commonly known in this country that no hand-sewing needles are made here. Machine needles are made in plenty—or have been until recently—but the hand-sewing needle is a European product. It requires the greatest skill and patience to make, and in Europe it is a trade handed down from generation to generation.

Before the war the United States depended for its supply of hand-sewing needles on England and Germany. The German supply was soon eliminated by the British embargo, and England was left to fill the demand. Now England has found it necessary to drop out of the needle market, too. No embargo on needles has been established, but the government is limiting the supply of steel wire to needle manufacturers.

The shortage of needles resulting from this limitation is interfering with the economy campaign recently started by the Council of National Defense. Women are being urged to cut down the size of their wardrobes; to be satisfied with twelve new dresses instead of fifteen, and whenever possible to make over their old clothes. Of what avail this last, however, when there are no needles.

Whether because of this, or because the supply of large coarse-eyed needles for army kits has now run out, a number of women are now in Washington protesting against this latest "idiosyncracy" of the British government, with a view to having the limitation removed. We cannot win the war without needles, is their desperate assertion.

As all these shortages in the materials of the clothing industry increase—as the plot accumulates, so to speak—it is at least encouraging to note a similar inconvenient condition among our enemies. The Germans, we have it from good authority, are dressing in paper.

The Germans have been remarkably foresighted in most things, but they forgot to reckon with a fabric exhaustion. The British embargo has kept them from importing wool and cotton. But with their characteristic ingenuity the Huns proceeded to manufacture clothes from paper, paper pulp being obtainable in large quantities from Sweden. Both soldiers and civilians are now wearing paper clothes; mattresses and pillows are covered with paper fabric, and German women and children are wearing paper underwear.

One drawback has not yet been overcome. Paper cloth is extremely stiff, and shows a tendency to wilt in the rain. Inventors are now said to be working out a remedy to the first fault, and have already discovered one for the latter in a special impregnating process that makes the cloth impervious to rain.

So, after all, we have something to be hilarious about. We are not yet reduced to clothless clothes. But we may be, if the war goes on a few more years.

The Peril To Missionary Africa

To wreck all that missionaries have accomplished in Africa would be the result of allowing Germany to resume the control of the colonies now freed from her sway. This is pointed out in the New York Tribune by the Rev. William S. Rainsford, the former rector of St. George's Church, New York, and "a mighty hunter before the Lord," having spent nearly three years in Africa in the pursuit of big game. If one questions his knowledge of the Dark Continent one has but to read his book on "The Land of the Lion;" and the German menace that he sees there is in her ambition to create "an exact counterpart of her plan for Middle Europe." We read:

"She aims to establish a solid belt of country between the Indian Ocean and the southern Atlantic. By doing so she would cut the continent in two. She would again divide her enemies and rivals, she would keep them divided. . . . . .

"In Africa, as a coloniser, Germany's policy has been as clear as the day. She has beaten to the earth all native tribes; she has prepared herself 'to rush' her neighbors' territory. Yet these are not her chief offense against the peace of the great African land and against those who have chosen it for their home. That offense lies in her deliberate and declared intention to do in Africa what Englishman, Boer, Frenchman, Belgian, and Portuguese have so far not only refrained from doing, but have pledged themselves for Africa's advantage never to do, and that is this: Germany has proved her intention of building up in Central Africa a military state. If such a crime against humanity were to be allowed, then must we bid good-by to peace and progress and quiet in that unfortunate and blood-soaked land. The work of countless missionaries and civil servants would be undone, and the savage instincts of tribes who are just beginning to know the blessings of peaceful industry would be stirred and stimulated.

"No one who has traveled in the country (and I have spent the best part of three years in it, lived among its tribes, and marched, with their assistance, several thousand miles) can be for a moment doubtful of the immense advance made and the good already done, largely owing to England's peaceable policy of occupation and civil rule. There has been little trace of militarism in England's rule. Up to 1914 she had, for instance, in all her immense East-African territory just two battalions of native infantry and one battery of artillery. She was wholly unprepared for war. Her colonisation was absolutely pacific. Where climatic conditions were favorable to European settlement the country was being rapidly taken up. Where the climate was unfavorable, as in the rich Uganda region, the tribes were encouraged to practise better agricultural work by capable civil servants and by a large number of missionaries (several of them American, by the way), men and women as devoted, and not only devoted, but as wise and far-seeing in their methods as any who ever left home and comfort to live lonely lives of hardship for the sake of their fellow men.

"Such men and such measures soon worked wonders among the natives. Slavery stopped. (And, be it remembered, the slave trade had flourished in East Africa since Solomon's time or before.) Intertribal war came almost to an end. Cattle-stealing and throat-cutting became unpopular. The settlers were finding out very quickly that if they were to succeed in maintaining themselves they could only do so by engaging the friendly co-operation of the black people living at their door. Their tragedies that too often have marked the entrance of the white man into an unoccupied or half-occupied region have in British territory been almost unknown.

"I may seem to be drawing too rosy a picture, but I know well that the men of the African Inland Mission (its headquarters are in Philadelphia) would indorse every word I say. I admit that in Portuguese and Belgian territories native labor has been forced and the natives at times very cruelly treated, but there can be no doubt that England, setting as she has a fine example of fairness and humanity, was lifting to a higher plane the whole standard of native administration on the continent."

Germany's avowed purpose to create a military colony out of her East-African tribes holds for her the lure of a splendid war-weapon, but for the tribesmen only a sure retrogression. Dr. Rainsford makes this clear:

"In those regions the black man has only lately met the white man. He has not yet learned to distinguish between men of the white nations. The white man, to him, is just the great white Bwana (master), armed with irresistible power, charged with life and death. He bows to him without question. To him he seems a god. He knows no other god.

"Yes, Germany could do what she liked with these poor children of a dark land—bind them to her will, discipline them, and make them terrible in battle. And if her will were conquest and mastery—as, alas! all the world knows it to be today—then adieu! a long adieu! to all peaceful advancement in the largest and most backward of the quarters of the earth."

Germany's Financial Burden

Dr. Paul Michaelis Discusses War Problems In The Berliner Tageblatt

"The war has cost Germany a third of her total wealth," writes Dr. Paul Michaelis in the Berliner Tageblatt in an article in which he discuss the financial difficulties confronting Germany. Michaelis, a prominent writer and historian, is trying to accustom the Germans to the inevitable thought that there is no hope for indemnities from their opponents, and that consequently the entire burden of their war will fall upon themselves. He outlines the methods Germany is following in solving her financial problem.

"In his short but significant speech," declares Mr. Michaelis, "Count Roedern touched upon very important matters at the last session of the Reichstag. One may assume that Count Roedern is inspired with the hope that, among other good things, peace will bring us at least a partial relief from the burdens of the war. But Count Roedern does not expect that the good will come to us by itself without our efforts; and least of all does he fail to think of war indemnities. Nevertheless, we must not be so unwise as to believe that it would be the financial ruin of the German Empire if we issued from the war without indemnities. It must be made evident that we shall be able, even without any assistance from outside, to overcome the financial effects of the war.

"It is just as necessary to have no delusions as to the burdens which will have to be carried by us after the war. With the fifteen billion marks recently voted for by the Reichstag, the German war debt has reached the immense sum of 109 billion marks. One can realise it better when one recalls that before the war we thought with anxiety of our national debt of five billions. We can see the significance of this figure if we remember that even the financial-political optimists place the total wealth of the German people at not more than 400 billion mark. Now, if we take into consideration the fact that during the war the wealth of the nation has declined, we shall by no means exaggerate that the war up to the present has cost Germany a third of her total wealth.

"We may assume that after the conclusion of peace, with some of the debts paid back, there will be left a debt of at least seventy-three billions. And if, in the most favorable case, we should make only one additional war loan, after the war will be over we shall have a national debt of eighty billions at 5 per cent. In addition, we must take into account the sums which we shall have to spend in reconstructing all destroyed property, in providing for those affected by the war, in procuring the necessary supplies, in purchasing the war materials in which we are lacking and in rebuilding our industries. It may safely be said that the figure is too low when we estimate that the country's debt at the close of the war will amount to 100 billions.

"The state has so far not had the ambition to pay the war expenses by means of higher revenues. It may be said that such a step, with the war expenses increasing from day to day, would be without any effective results. England was the first one to try it, but it had to be discontinued. Also the United States will see themselves confronted by higher obligations. Germany's object has been to maintain the financial balance with the purpose of covering her war expenses and paying the interest on her debt. On the other hand, the payment of German debts has been postponed till peace times. . . .

"Germany even seems to have succeeded, in part at least, in reducing our war loans by means of taxation. This shows that as far as obligations of the state are concerned we have not lived entirely on our loans. To satisfy our conscience, we ought to say that we have not contracted new debts in order to straighten our old debts. On the whole, our war taxes have done their task; they have even brought us more than it had been expected of them. Among these, in the first place, there is the tax on war profits, which is designated today as the 'war tax,' although outside of this one there are also other taxes. It has so far produced, according to reports, an income of five billions.

"In addition to this real war tax, there is a whole series of other taxes which are necessary to cover the expenses of the state. First of all there is a tax on the exchange of goods, the incomes from which are quite considerable. To this must be added the rise in postal and telegraph rates, the increase of the revenues from cigarettes and tobacco, and the additional railroad rates for freight and passenger traffic. The coal tax was later added. As far as it can be seen from the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, also these taxes have very largely helped to balance the incomes of the state with the expenses. The coal alone brought during the month of October an income of 78,700,000 marks, which means about 900 million marks a year. The cigarette tax brings 300 millions. The taxes on traffic are coming in very slowly. . . It is even possible that the taxes will not only enable us to pay the interest on our debts, but also contribute toward decreasing our future loans.

"This favorable picture of conditions, however, will naturally change the very moment when peace will be established. All the real war taxes will then be given up, and the permanent burden of the war loans will press down the country. In part, some of the war taxes will remain, as, for example, the tax on traffic. But this will help as much as a drop of water can affect a red hot stone."

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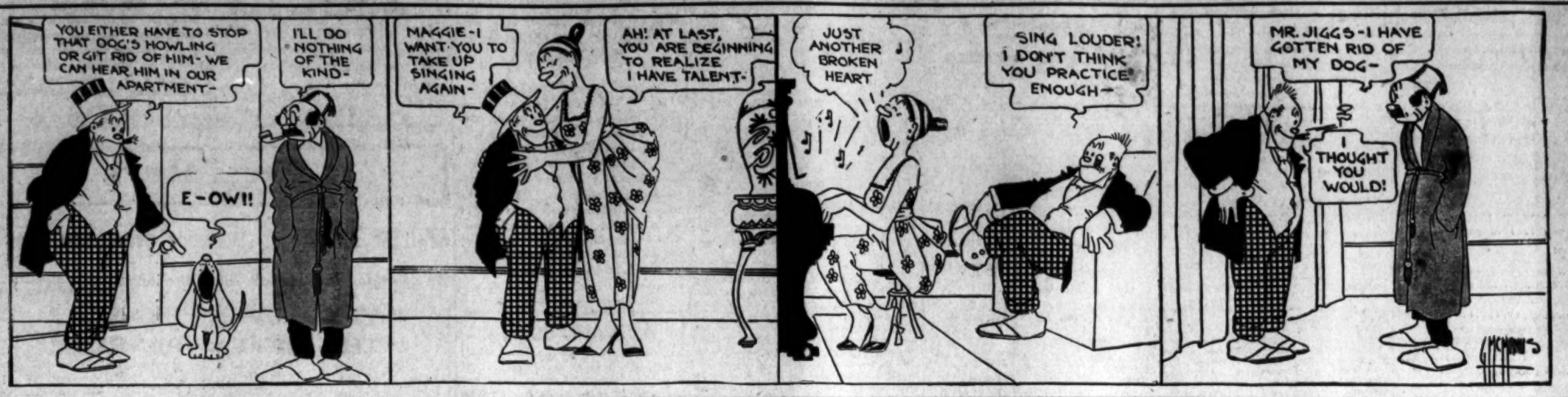
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The Splendors Ot The Southern Sky

By Garrett P. Serviss

Mr. Hall Forrest has sent me a description of a view of the Southern Winter heavens which is so vivid that I want to put it before all my readers:

"It was July, and the air was very crisp. Our train, running from Auckland to Wellington, New Zealand, had been delayed by landslides, and we did not reach the capital city until about 2 o'clock in the morning. About half an hour before that time we stopped on signal at a siding. The compartment was stuffy, and I stepped out into the cold night for fresh air. There were no lights save one lanterns of the train guards, and as I instinctively looked overhead I beheld the most wonderful sky it has ever been my fortune to see.

"Millions upon millions of gorgeous jewels set in black velvet. Diamonds of all hues! Sapphires! Rubies! And then for the first time I realised what was meant by starlight. I seemed to stand under the roof of a great Aladdin palace. The stars seemed so near the earth that the scene was overpowering.

"The shouting of a train guard awakened me rudely from my semi-trance, and I jumped on the steps of the carriage and gained my compartment as the train started. Once inside I immediately extinguished the lights and sought to locate, from the window, some of my new friends among the constellations. I can remember now distinctly the Milky Way and the Magellan clouds, the triangle formed by Achernar, Fomalhaut and Alpha Pavonis, and the glorious Scorpio viewed, as it only can be rightly, from the southern hemisphere, the red Antares glowing magnificently. I thought of what you had written about the splendors of the Northern sky in Winter, when Orion and Taurus, with their wonderful first magnitude stars, and Sirius Procyon, the Twins and Capella are all in the sky at one time, and I wished that you were there to see what I saw. Sometimes a theatrical production glitters because of its individual stars and other times because the whole company is good, and I thought my Southern sky would match your Northern one because it was good as a whole.

"Never have I seen so much of the heavenly vault occupied. I thought, too, that night, of the hundreds of people living under that canopy, who are sleeping in ignorance of the display they had but to walk outdoors to see; and when I spoke to a fellow-passenger, who had impatiently switched on the lights again, he looked at me as if I were a lunatic, and grinned like one himself as he asked: 'Is it true that Mars is inhabited?'"

Mr. Forrest's sarcastic fellow-passenger represents a very numerous species of the genus homo sapiens, whose sapience does not rise to the levels of the Universe. But perhaps if he had beheld that sublime spectacle the scales of this little world would have dropped from his eyes. The audience in this cozy round theater of ours, the Earth, with its open views in all directions of the crowning marvels of creation, numbers about 1,600 millions, 1,400,000,000, say, seated north of the equator, and 200,000,000 occupying the opposite benches, south of the equator. Perhaps the chief reason why the Almighty admitted them for a brief space into the celestial colosseum was in order that, through their eyes, their minds might be uplifted. But, mistaking the intention, so much above their comprehension, like ants in a palace, the majority of them never look upward, but eagerly run about the floor entranced with the cracks and the dust-holes.

Mr. Forrest has not spoken of a feature of the southern view of the heavens which often has a remarkable effect upon a traveller from the North. Wellington, New Zealand, is a little farther south of the equator than New York is north of it. For us the ecliptic, which marks the center of the zodiac, the track along which the sun, the moon and the planets pursue their way through the sky, lies south of the zenith throughout its course, while for the inhabitants of the southern hemisphere, if they live beyond the latitude of about 24 degrees south, it lies north of the zenith.

Consequently, if you are far down in the southern hemisphere you face north in order to see the sun at noon, and the sun rises on your right and sets on the left. A similar turning over of the heavens occurs with regard to the stars. When we look toward the north pole of the sky we see the circumpolar constellations coming up from the eastern horizon on the right hand and crossing the meridian overhead in a direction contrary to the motion of the hands of a clock. But if you go into the southern hemisphere and look toward the southern celestial pole, you will see the stars circling in exactly the opposite direction, viz., from left to right, thus going with the hands of the clock.

But perhaps this peculiarity becomes most striking when the Northern visitor looks for the constellations in the central part of the celestial sphere which were familiar to him at home, and which are simultaneously visible from both hemispheres. It is with an unconquerable feeling of something out of joint that he sees Orion upside down, and striding after the great bull, Taurus, not from left to right, as he was always accustomed to see him, but from right to left. And so, as he watches, the whole procession of the star-figures of the zodiac comes swinging up on the wrong side of the heavens. Right has become left and left right, as if he were looking at an image of the sky in a mirror. Moreover, the giant hunter seems now to be standing on his head, and the bull has his golden horns curving downward toward the horizon, far beneath which the North Star lies hidden.

All except the constellations that are never visible from the middle northern latitudes received their names, and had their fancied figures outlined in the stars, ages before the discovery of the southern hemisphere by modern man, so that the heroes and animals of the celestial menagerie stand in attitudes which were not adjusted to the sense of propriety of far Southern observers.

Siccawei Weather Report

17.—Fine and mild weather with southerly breezes in our regions. The barometers have still moderately fallen in Central China; but they have risen in the North. An anticyclone prevails over Formosa and the southern part of the Eastern sea.

18.—Cloudy but fine weather. Barometer reading below the average. S.E. breezes still prevailing.

Monday, March 18, 1918.

WEATHER	4 a.m.	9 a.m.
Bar. at Centg., mm...	769.69	771.00
Bar. at Centg., inches.	30.30	30.35
Variation mm for 24h	†1.49	†1.26
Variation for mm 21h	†0.92	†0.30
Wind—Direction	ENE	NE
Wind—Kilom per hour	3	11
Wind—Miles	1.9	6.8
Temperature—Cen ...	5°1	8°2
Temperature—Fah ...	41.2	46.8
Humidity co	93	71
Nebulosity 5-10	0	6
Rainfall mm	0.1	—
Rainfall inches	0.00	—

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEWS

Exchange and Bullion

Shanghai, March 18, 1918.

Money and Bullion

	Tls.
Gold Dollars Bank's buying rate	
@ 106½ = Tls.	94.11
@ 72.7 = Mex.	$129.45
Mex. Dollars Market rate: Tls.	72.525
Dragon Dollars: native bank rate	
S'hai Gold Mars: 978 touch Tls.	273
Bar Silver	268
Copper Cash ..... per tael	1815
Sovereigns:	
Buying rate @ 4/4d. = Tls.	4.62
exch. @ 72.7 = Mex.	$6.35
Peking Bar	—
Native Interest	.02

Latest London Quotations

Bar Silver	43d.
Bank Rate of Discount	5%
Market rate of discount:—	
3 m-s.	%
4 m-s.	%
6 m s.	%
Exchange on Shanghai, 60 d-s.	
Ex. Paris on London ....Fr.	27.25
Ex. N. Y. on London ....T.T.	$476½
Consols	f —

Exchange Closing Quotations

London	T.T. 4/4
London	Demand 4/4½
India	nominal T.T. 301
Paris	T.T. 592
Paris	Demand 593
New York	T.T. 103½
New York	Demand 103½
Hongkong	T.T. 70½
Japan	T.T. 50
Batavia	T.T 229½

Banks Buying Rates

London	4 m/s Cdts. 4/6d.
London	4 m/s. Docy. 4/6½d.
London	6 m/s. Cdts. 4/6½d.
London	6 m/s. Docy. 4/6½d.
Paris	4 m/s. 620
New York	4 m/s. 107½

Customs House Exchange Rates For March

Hk. Tls. 4.35	@ 4/2½		£1
„ 1	@ 575½ =	Francs	6.41
„ 6.89	@ 100½	Gold	$1
„ 1	@ 51½	Yen	2.17
„ 1	@ 15	Rupees	3.53
„ 1	@ —	Roubles	—
„ 1	@ 1.50	Mex.	$1.50

Stock Exchange Transactions

Shanghai, March 18, 1918.

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS

Official

New Engineering Tls 14.50
Shanghai Cotton Tls. 138.00
S.M.C. 6% debs. 1911 @ Tls. 90.00
Telephones Tls. 78.00

Sharebrokers' Association Transactions

Shanghai, March 18, 1918.

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Anglo-Java Dividend

At a meeting of the board of directors of Anglo-Java Estates, Limited, held yesterday it was decided to recommend to the shareholders, at the forthcoming annual meeting, the payment of a final dividend of Taels 0.40 per share, thus making Taels 1.15 per share for the year. The result of the year's working may be summarised as follows:—

	Guilders.
Profit of the two Dutch Companies	1,420,146.61
Out of which there has been written off for depreciation of Coffee Gardens, Buildings, Machinery, etc.	17,498.37
Income Tax 1916 and provision for 1917	99,721.75
Paid as Dividends to Anglo-Java Estates	1,170,000.00
Paid as Interest, Agency fees and Commission to Anglo-Java Estates, Ltd.	142,246.63

After paying the expenses of the Shanghai Office and providing for directors' and auditors' fees, the balance at credit of profit and loss account of Anglo-Java Estates, Ltd. is Taels 611,552.03.

	Tls.
Out of which three interim dividends have been paid absorbing	372,000.00
and it is now proposed:—	
To pay a Final Dividend of Taels 0.40 per share amounting to	198,400.00
To pay a bonus to managers and staffs	34,224.00
To carry forward	6,928.03
	Tls. 611,552.03

Rubber Outputs

	Jan.	Feb.
Alma	35,000	25,500
Amherst	4,731	2,819
Anglo-Dutch	60,000	67,250
Anglo-Java	149,000	153,000
Ayer Tawah	26,265	23,800
Batu Anam	15,164	23,374
Bukit Toh Alang	19,479	12,746
Bute	21,694	17,583
Chempedak	11,700	—
Chemor	23,291	20,314
Cheng	18,885	15,870
Consolidated	52,679	48,728
Dominion	49,201	44,770
Gula Kalumpong	120,000	—
Shipped to London	81,760	—
Java Consolidated	63,000	67,000
Kamunting	26,109	19,698
Kapala	11,151	11,721
Kapayang	—	—
Karan	11,216	9,691
Kota Bahroe	43,159	37,681
Kroewoek	43,000	40,000
Langkat	68,683	64,034
Padang	26,250	21,750
Permata	—	—
Pengkalan	15,551	10,930
Repah	14,500	—
Samagaga	21,000	17,000
Semambu	13,123	16,388
See Kee	—	—
Senawang	40,763	29,572
Shanghai-Malay	—	—
Shanghai-Klebang	14,800	13,230
Shanghai-Kelantan	15,819	15,850
Shanghai-Seremban	13,971	9,376
Shanghai-Pahang	16,185	13,543
Shanghai-Sumatra	58,750	59,250
Sua Manggis	—	—
Sungala	12,439	7,449
Sungei Duri	27,025	20,660
Taiping	—	11,502
Tanah Merah	24,500	34,700
Tebong	69,000	—
Ulobri	4,370	4,698
Ziangbe	64,000	68,000

Singapore Rubber Auction

Singapore, February 27 and 28.—Following were the prices realised at the rubber Auction this week:—

Sheet:

	Singapore per picul
Smoked Fine Ribbed	@ $83/79
Smoked Good Ribbed	„ 79/67
Smoked Fine Plain	„ 60
Smoked Good Plain	„ Nil
Unsmoked Fine Ribbed	„ Nil
Unsmoked Good Ribbed	„ Nil
Unsmoked Fine Plain	„ Nil
Unsmoked Good Plain	„ 48
Crepe:	
Fine Pale Thin	„ 89/86
Good Pale Thin	„ 85/66
Good Pale Blanket	„ 65/60
Good Brown Blanket	„ 59/50
Fine Brown	„ 66/58
Good Brown	„ 60/48
Good Dark	„ 53/40
Barky	„ 47/30
Scrap:	
Virgin and Pressed	„ 35/30
Loose	„ 32/26
Sheet:	
Cupwashing	„ 61/43

Catalogued for sale Pcls. 19,966 (about 1,188 tons).

Sold Pcls. 9,499 (about 565 tons).

Since our last report the Rubber market has declined considerably, mainly on account of shipping to the United Kingdom having been prohibited for a period of two months, and our auction opened yesterday with a rather poor demand except for prime parcels.

Fine Ribbed Smoked Sheet sold up to $83 and Fine Pale Crepe up to $89, a decline on the week of $8 and $4 respectively. Only a limited number of lots, however, fetched the top prices, and the average prices during the day may be given as $81 for Fine Ribbed Smoked Sheet and $88 for Fine Pale Crepe.

There was very little demand for Good Ribbed Smoked Sheet and only poor prices were obtainable. Good Pale Crepe met with a slightly better competition.

Next to nothing was sold of Plain Smoked Sheet and Unsmoked Sheet of either description.

Clean Brown Crepes were wanted at an average decline of $5, whereas the bidding for Dark and Barky Crêpes was very slow, and these grades declined about $8 on the week.

At the continuation of the sale this morning the tendency was still easier, $81 to $79 for Fine Ribbed Smoked Sheet and $87 to $86 for Fine Pale Crepe were the current prices, and it was difficult to make buyers interested in any other grades.

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Yesterday's Prices

STOCK	Quotations Closing
Banks	
H. K. and S. B.	$585
Chartered	£71
Russo-Asiatic	R. 250
Marine Insurances	
Canton	Tls. 320 B.
North China	Tls. 120 B.
Union of Canton	Tls. 730 B.
Yangtsze	Tls. 210 B.
Far Eastern Ins. Co Ltd.	Tls. 20½ B.
Fire Insurances	
China Fire	$133 B.
Hongkong Fire	Tls. 335 Sa.
Shipping	
Indo-China Pref.	Tls. 108
Indo-China Def.	
"Shell"	117s. 6d.
Shanghai Tug (o)	Tls. 21½
Shanghai Tug (f)	Tls. 40 B.
Mining	
Kaiping	Tls. 9¼ B.
Oriental Cons.	27s. 6d.
Philippine	Tls. 0.80
Raub	Tls. 3 B.
Docks	
Hongkong Dock	Tls. 130½ B.
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 92 B.
New Eng. Works	Tls. 14½ Sa.
Wharves	
Shanghai Wharf	Tls. 72½ S.
Hongkong Wharf	Tls. 85 B.
Lands and Hotels	
Anglo French Land	Tes. 73
China Land	Tls. 50
Shanghai Land	Tls. 66 B.
Weihaiwei Land	Tls. 3
Shanghai Hotels Ltd.	Tls. 9¼ B.
China Realty (ord)	Tls. 50
China Realty (pref.)	Tls. 50
Cotton Mills	
E-wo	Tls. 174 B.
E-wo Pref.	Tls. 97½
International	Tls. 105 B.
International (pref.)	Tls. 62½
Laou-kung-mow	Tls. 75 B.
Oriental	Tls. 43½
Shanghai Cotton	Tls. 138 Sa.
Kung Yik	Tls. 15.80 B.
Yangtszepoo	Tls. 8.85 B.
Yangtszepoo Pref.	Tls. 95
Industrials	
Butler Tile	Tls. 28
China Sugar	Tls. 80 Sa.
Green Island	Tls. 7.90 Sa.
Langkats	Tls. 14½ B.
Major Bros.	Tls. 5
Shanghai Sumatra	Tls. 70
Stores	
Hall and Holtz	Tls. 15¾ B.
Llewellyn	$30
Lane, Crawford	$100
Moutrie	$35
Watson	Tls. 5½
Weeks	Tls. 13½
Rubbers (Local)	
Alma	Tls. 9¼
Amherst	Tls. 1
Anglo-Java	Tls. 8½
Anglo-Dutch	Tls. 4
Ayer Tawah	Tls. 26
Batu Anam 1913	Tls. 0.90
Bukit Toh Alang	Tls. 3.40 S.
Bute	Tls. 1.05
Chemor United	Tls. 1 B.
Chempedak	Tls. 9
Cheng	Tls. 2.10
Consolidated	Tls. 2½
Dominion	Tls. 9
Gula Kalumpong	Tls. 6.80
Java Consolidated	Tls. 16½
Kamunting	Tls. 5¾
Kapala	Tls. 0.90
Kapayang	Tls. 27½
Karan	Tls. 12
Kota Bahroes	Tls. 7
Kroewoek Java	Tls. 16½
Padang	Tls. 12¼
Pengkalan Durian	Tls. 8½
Permata	Tls. 2½
Repah	Tls. 0.92½
Samagagas	Tls. 0.82½
Seekee	Tls. 6
Semambu	Tls. 1.05
Senawang	Tls. 12
Shanghai Klebang	Tls. 0.80
Shanghai Malay	Tls. 7
S'hai Malay-pref.	Tls. 10.70
Shanghai Pahang	Tls. 1¼ B.
Sungala	Tls. 1.55
Sungei Duri	Tls. 9
Sua Manggis	Tls. 5
S'hai Kalantan	Tsl. 0.67½ B.
Shanghai Seremban	Tls. 0.50 B.
Taiping	Tls. 1¾
Tanah Merah	Tls. 1
Tebong	Tls. 16 B.
Ulobri	Tls. 2¾
Ziangbe	Tls. 4½
Miscellaneous	
C. I. and E. Lumber	Tls. 140 B.
Culty Dairy	Tls. 7
S'hai Elec. and Asb.	$2
Shanghai Trams	Tls. 66½ B.
Shanghai Gas	Tls. 23 B.
Horse Bazaar	Tls. 33
Shanghai Mercury	Tls. 30
S'hai Telephone	Tls. 78 Sa.
S'hai Waterworks	Tls. 190 S.

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Amount to be allotted next week, Rs. 6.000.000.

News Brevities

The second class of the Chiao Ho order has been conferred upon Magistrates Kwan Chung and Nieh Chung-hsi of the Mixed upon the recommendation of General Yang Shan-teh, Tuchun of Chekiang.

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A new entertainment feature is announced by the management of the Carlton Cafe where the Duo Alfieris, mandolin and guitar artists, are to play an engagement. They come to Shanghai with high recommendation from other cities, having played in many of the largest places in Europe and America.

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Judge Skinner Turner of the British Supreme Court and Mrs. Turner were among the passengers who arrived at Shanghai from Tientsin Sunday.

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An application, under the Trading with the Enemy Act, to vest certain property belonging to Paul Linke, an enemy subject, in the Custodian of Enemy Property, Mr. G. W. King, was granted yesterday at the British Supreme Court before Sir Havilland de Sausmarez. The property in question consisted of 100 shares of the Consolidated Rubber Estates (1910) Ltd. The findings of the Court were that Linke, who left for Germany in 1913, came within the meaning of an enemy under the act and that as a matter of expediency the application was granted.

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Captain W. Ferd Tyler and Mr. von Heidenstam were among the passengers who left for the North Sunday. They will confer with the newly appointed Conservancy Commission, of which Mr. Hsiung Shi-ling is the chairman and which is advising on the drainage of the area at present flooded and the digging of new channels to prevent similar overflows in the future.

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The 1918 edition of Rosenstock's Gazetteer and Commercial Directory of China came off the press yesterday and is now being distributed from the company's offices at No. 4 Canton Road.

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A carpenter's apprentice was brought into the Mixed Court yesterday charged with the murder of his master and the latter's wife, who died in the Shantung Road Hospital last week of arsenic poisoning. According to evidence presented at the inquest held by Assessor Ros and Magistrate Tsang, the accused was reprimanded by his master for laziness and put the arsenic, which was used for poisoning rats, in the family's food last Thursday morning.

Peace Rumor Mongers Now Face Prosecution

Italy Taking Stringent Measures Against Disseminators Of Such Talk

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Rome, March 16.—The Ministry of the Interior has ordered an investigation into the origin of the rumors of the conclusion of an early peace, which have been current in Italy, and the prosecution of the authors and disseminators of the rumors.

GLANDERED HORSES LAID TO GERMAN INOCULATION

Disease Unknown In Argentine Now Prevalent Among Animals Allies Buy

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 15.—The British Government has drawn the attention of the Argentine Government to the fact that horses and mules from the Argentine are reaching Great Britain suffering from glanders, which is practically a non-existent disease in the Argentine. The outbreak is believed to be due to the Germans inoculating the animals with bacilli.

EMPEROR BACK IN TOKIO

Reuter's Pacific Service

Tokio, March 18.—Their Majesties have returned from Hayama.

London Rubber Market

Reuter's Service

London, March 14.—Today's rubber prices were:—

Spot: 2s. 5⅝d. Paid.
April to June: 2s. 6¼d. Paid.
Tendency of Market. Firmer.
Previous quotation, London, March 13.
Spot: 2s. 5¼d. Paid.
April to June: 2s. 5⅝d. Paid.
Tendency of Market. Steady.
London, March 12.
Spot: 2s. 5¼d. Paid.
April to June: 2s. 6¼d. Paid.
Tendency of Market. Quiet.

BANK OF ENGLAND

Reuter's Service

London, March 14.—According to the latest returns the Proportion of Reserve to Liabilities was 19%.

The Bank of England rate of Discount is 5%.

COTTON MARKET

Reuter's Service

London, March 14.—Today's cotton prices were:—

Goodmiddling Americans: 24.08d.
May: 24.06d.
July: 23.86d.

SPANISH TELEGRAPHS UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Unions Resist Decree Of Dissolution And Soldiers Are Called In

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Madrid, March 16.—A decree places telegraph offices under military control and the despatch of telegrams is suspended temporarily. This measure is the result of the resistance of employees to a decree dissolving unions in Government offices. A similar step is threatened with regard to the post-offices, whose employees have protested against an order which deprives them of immunity from summary dismissal.

The Frawley Company

Although a repeat performance, "It Pays to Advertise" drew a large and appreciative audience to the Lyceum again last night when the members of the Frawley Company acquitted themselves in their customary well rounded comedy manner. Miss Chapman as the Countess was warmly received and shared the applause with Miss Keeley. The part of the American advertising agent, Ambrose Peale, as played by G. A. Forbes seemed rather of the race track than the business office order, but the Americans enjoyed the caricature as well as other nationals to judge from their applause. "The Boomerang" will be given tonight.

Amusements

LYCEUM THEATRE
T. DANIEL FRAWLEY presents
The Frawley Company
LAST WEEK! LAST WEEK!!
Tonight 19th
"THE BOOMERANG"
Wednesday 20th
"KICK IN"
Thu. 21st & Fri. 22nd
"Seven Keys To Baldpate"
A Mystery Farce
By George M. Cohan
Matinee Sat. March 23rd at 3 p.m.
"Seven Keys To Baldpate"
Farewell Performance
Sat. March 23rd
"THE HOUSE OF GLASS"
Plans at Moutrie & Co. and from 5.30 p.m. till 8 p.m. at the Astor House Hotel.
COMMENCE 9.15 P.M.

VICTORIA THEATRE
MONDAY, MARCH 25TH
THE COLLIER GIRLS
THE COLLIER GIRLS
Are Giving Their
Farewell Performance
In Smart, Classy Acts and New Dances
Booking at Moutrie's
Prices $2.00 and $1.00
17191

NOTICE
The MANAGEMENT of
The International Cabaret
and
DANCE HALL
1 Jukong Road
have secured the services
of
MR. LOUIS T. SLICKER
POPULAR
"Entertainer and Comedian"
Tonight Tonight
19th of March, 1918
17158

Monastir Is Shelled By Bulgarian Guns

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Corfu, March 15.—The Bulgarians fiercely bombarded Monastir on the 13th, using asphyxiating shells. Considerable damage was done to the town.

WEEKLY SILVER REPORT

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 14.—Samuel Montagu's Weekly Silver Report states:

The tone of the market is somewhat firmer. Supplies from America are rather free, the firm tendency of Shanghai exchange is maintained and the silver holding of the Indian Treasury was decreased.

AMUSEMENTS

APOLLO THEATRE: "Where everybody goes"
Programme for March 19th and 20th
"THE SEVEN PEARLS"
"THE SEVEN PEARLS"
FEATURING
MOLLY KING—CREIGHTON HALE —LEON BARRY:
Episode 9. "The Warning on the Wire" Episode 10. "The Hold-Up"
These two episodes are exceptionally thrilling and nervy
Pathe's American Gazette — News from the U.S.A.
"The Horse" — An educational film
"Slightly Mistaken" — A one reel clever comedy.
Annals of the War — More news from the front

JACK ROBERTSON
THE ELDORADO
High - Class Vaudeville
and
DANCE-HALL
Latest Music
and
Up - to - date Artistes
3 Jukong Road

OLYMPIC THEATRE
Sunday, March 24th, at 3.15 p.m.
By special request
Second Historical Concert
BY
THE FAMOUS ARTISTS
MIROVITCH — PIASTRO
BOOKING AT MOUTRIE'S
Prices: $3, $2 and $1.
Director: Mr. A. Strok.

THE OLYMPIC THEATRE
PRESENTS
On March 19th, 20th and 21st
THE PARAMOUNT SPECIAL FEATURE
"AN AMERICAN BEAUTY"
IN FIVE PARTS
Commencing Sunday, 24th
"The Fall of the Romanoffs"

VICTORIA THEATRE
SHOWING
ON
March 19th, 20th and 21st
THREE NEW
EPISODES OF THE
"STRANGE CASE
OF
MARY PAGE"

ISIS THEATRE
Corner of Jukong and North Szechuen Roads
(N.B. Please do not confound our respectable Theater with any DANCING HALLS now sprung up in the same street.)
TONIGHT TONIGHT
THE VOICE ON THE WIRE
Showing Episodes 7 and 8 entitled
"THE MARKED ROOM"
"HIGH FINANCE"
Sheer Mystery—Tense Thrills—Charming Romance
"ZIP THE DODGER"
"A CHANGE OF LUCK"
Screaming Keystone Comedies
On Friday, 22nd March
Special GOLD ROOSTER
Play in 5 Acts.

Chinese and Foreign Banking Announcements

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

Capital	£1,200,000
Reserve Fund	1,900,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders	1,200,000

Head Office:
38 Bishopsgate, London, E. C.

Court of Directors:
Sir Kentagu Cornish Turner, Chairman.
Sir Henry S. Cunningham, K.C.I.E.
T. Cuthbertson, Esq.
Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G.
W. H. Neville Goschen, Esq.
The Rt. Hon Lord George Hamilton, G.C.S.I.
W. Foot Mitchell, Esq.
Lewis Alexander Wallace, Esq.

Bankers:
The Bank of England.
The London City & Midland Bank Limited.
The London County and Westminister Bank, Limited.
The National Provincial Bank of England, Limited.
The National Bank of Scotland, Limited.

Agencies and Branches:

Amritsar	Iloilo	Puket
Bangkok	Ipoh	Rangoon
Batavia	Karachi	Saigon
Bombay	Klang	Seremban
Calcutta	Kobe	Singapore
Canton	Kuala-Lumpur	Shanghai
Cebu	Madras	Sourabaya
Colombo	Malacca	Taiping
Delhi	Manila	(F. M. S.)
Foochow	Medan	Tavoy (Lower
Haiphong	New York	Burma)
Hankow	Peking	Tientsin
Hongkong	Penang	Yokohama

Shanghai Branch, 18 The Bund.

Drafts granted on the above Agencies and Branches and also on the principal Commercial Cities throughout the world. Bills of Exchange bought. Travelling Letters of Credit issued and every description of Banking and Exchange business undertaken.

Interest allowed on Current Deposit Accounts, according to arrangement.

Fixed Deposits are received for twelve months and shorter periods at rates to be ascertained on application.

L. R. BREMNER.
Manager.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE

Capital	Frs. 48,000,000.00
Reserves	Frs. 48,000,000.00

Succursales et Agences:

Bangkok	Hanoi	Saigon
Battambang	Hongkong	Shanghai
Canton	Mengtze	Singapore
Djibouti	Noumea	Tientsin
Dondichery	Peking	Tourane
Haiphong	Papoete	
Hankoou	Pnom-Penh	

Bankers:
In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais: Banque de Pari et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial; Societe Generale.
In London: The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte des Paris; Credit Lyonnais.

This Shanghai Agency undertakes all banking operations and exchange business, grants credits on goods and approved securities and receives deposits on current and fixed deposits according ta arrangement.

L. ARDAIN,
Manager.

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Filiale de la Societe Generals de Belgique
Societe Anonyme
Paid-up Capital ..... Frs. 30,000,000

Head Office: BRUSSELS.
London office: 2 Bishopsgate
Branches at Peking, Tientsin, Alexandria, Cairo (Egypt,) and Rotterdam

President:
JEAN JADOT
Souvernor Societe Generale de Belgique.

Bankers:
London: Martin's Bank, Ltd.
Brussels: Societe Generale de Belgique.
Antwerp: Banque d'Anvers.
Paris: Banque de l'Union Parisienne, Societe Annoyme.
Lyons and Marseilles: Comptoir National d'Escompte d'Paris.
New York: National City Bank of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts Taels and fixed deposits according to arrangements.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

M. DEMETS,
Manager for China.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Paid-up Capital	$15,000,000
Reserve Funds:—	
Sterling £1,500,000 @ 2s.	$15,000,000
Silver	19,500,000
	$34,500,000
Reserve liability of Proprietors	$15,000,000

Head Office: HONGKONG
Court of Directors:
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Chairman
O. T. M. Edkins Esq. Deputy Chairman.
F. C. Butcher, Esq.
A. H. Compton, Esq.
S. H. Dodwell Esq.
C. S. Gubbay, Esq.
Hon. Mr. D. Landale.
E. V. D. Parr, Esq.
W. L. Pattenden, Esq.
Chief Manager.
Hongkong—N. J. Stabb.

Branches and Agencies:

Amoy	Ipoh	Peking
Bangkok	Johore	Penang
Batavia	Kobe	Rangoon
Bombay	Kuala Lumpur	Saigon
Calcutta	London	S. Francisco
Canton	Lyons	Shanghai
Colombo	Malacca	Singapore
Foochow	Manila	Sourabaya
Hankow	Nagasaki	Tientsin
Harbin	New York	Tsingtao
Iloilo		Yokohama

London Bankers:
London County and Westminster Bank, Ltd.

Shanghai Branch: 12, The Bund.
Sub-Agency: 9 Broadway.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Local Bills Discounted
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, Africa, China, Japan and America.

A. G. STEPHEN.
Manager.

Russo-Asiatic Bank

	Roubles.
Capital (fully-paid)	55,000,000
Reserve Fund	26,960,000
	Kpg. Tls.
Capital Contributed by the Chinese Government	3,500,000
Reserve Fund	1,750,000

Head Office: Petrograd.
Paris Office: 9, Rue Boudreau.
London Office: 64, Old Broad St., E.C.

Bankers:
London: Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co.
Paris: Societe Generale pour favoriser le Development de Commerce et de l'Industrie en France. Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.
Lyons: Societe Generale pour favoriser le Development du Commerce et de l'Iudustrie en France.

Far Eastern Branches and Agencies

Bombay	Harbin	Peking
Chanchun	Hongkong	Shanghai
Chefoo	Newchwang	Tientsin
Dairen	Nicolayowsk	Vladivostock
Hailan	O/Amur	Yokohama
Hankow		

81 Branches and Agencies in Russia. Siberia and Mongolia

SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Account and Fixed Deposits in Taels, Dollars and Roubles. Terms on application.

Local Bills discounted. Special facilities for Russian Exchange.

Foreign Exchange on the principal cities of the world bought and sold.

Safe Desposit Boxes.

L. JEZIERSKI,
G. CARRERE,
Managers for China, Japan and India.

The Bank of Canton, Limited

Incorporated 1912.

Authorised Capital	H.$2,000,000
Subscribed and paid up Capital	H.$1,382,950.00
Reserve Fund	H.$ 240,000.00
Investment reserve fund	H.$ 40,000

Head Office:
No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.

Shanghai Office:
No. 2 Ningpo Road.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

C. C. WONG,
Act. Manager.

The Bank of China

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 15th April, 1915)

Authorised Capital ..	$60,000,000.00
Paid-Up Capital	12,279,800.00
Reserve Fund	$1,298,552.60
Special Reserve Fund	$1,898,923.68

Head Office: Peking.
Branches and Agencies:

Peking	Talyuan	Shanghai
Tientsin	Kaifeng	Hankow
Changchun	Wuhu	Ichang
Antung	Anking	Changsha
Dalny	Hangchow	Nanchang
Moukden	Ningpo	Kiukiang
Newchwang	Nanking	Foochow
Harbin	Chinkiang	Amoy
Kirin	Hsuchow	Canton
Tsinan	Soochow	Hongkong
Chefoo	Wusieh	Swatow
Tsingtau	Yangchow	Chungking

SHANGHAI BRANCH.
3 Hankow Road.

Loans granted on approved securities. Local bills discounted. Interest allowed on Tael Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum, on Dollars Current Accounts at 1 per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

For 3 months at the rate of 3 per cent per annum.
For 6 months at the rate of 4 per cent per annum.
For 12 months at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

SUNG HAN CHANG,
Manager.

Banque Industrielle de Chine

Capital	Francs 45,000,000

One-third of the Capital, i. e. Frs. 15,000,000, subscribed by THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC

Statutes approved by the Government of the Chinese Republic on January 11, 1913.

President Andre Berthelot.
General Manager, A. J. Pernotte.

Head Office
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.
Branches in Peking, Tientsin, Shanghai, Saigon and Hongkong

BANKERS:
In France: Societe Generale pour le Development du Commerce et du l'Industrie en France.
In London; London, County and Westminister Bank, Ltd.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts in Gold or Local currency and Fixed Deposits on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Savings accounts in Gold and Local currency.

G. LION,
Manager.

1, French Bund, Shanghai.

Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited

(Established 1880.)

Head Office: Yokohama, Japan.

Capital Subscribed ...	Yen	48,000,000
Capital Paid-up	„	36,000,000
Reserve Fund	„	23,100,000

London Bankers:
Union of London & Smith's Bank, The London Joint Stock Bank, Parr's Bank, Ltd.

Branches and Agencies

Bombay	London	Rangoon
Calcutta	Los Angeles	S. Francisco
Changchun	Lyons	Shanghai
Dalny	Manila	Seattle
Hankow	Mukden	Singapore
Harbin	Nagasaki	Sydney
Hongkong	Newchwang	Tientsin
Honolulu	New York	Tokio
Kaiyuen	Osaka	Tsinanfu
Kobe	Peking	Tsingtau

SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Taels and Dollars, according to arrangement.

Drafts granted on principal places in Japan, Korea, Formosa and China and the chief commercial places in Europe, India and America, and every description of Banking and exchange business transacted.

K. KODAMA, Manager.

The Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Ltd.

9, Ningpo Road.

Paid-Up Capital	$ 300,000.00
Reserve	$ 10,000.00
Deposits (June, 30, 1917)	$1,590,000.00

Correspondents at principal cities in China, and domestic exchange a speciality.

Credits granted on approved securities. Bills discounted.

Current accounts in both taels and dollars with interest, may be opened on application.

Particulars of interest allowed on fixed deposits, in both taels and dollars, will be furnished on request.

K. P. CHEN,
General Manager.

International Banking Corporation

Capital & Surplus	U.S. $6,500,000.00
Undivided Profits	U.S. $1,348,000.00
	U.S. $7,848,000.00

Head Office:
55 Wall Street, New York
National City Bank Building.

London Office:
36 Bishopsgate, E. C.

Branches:

Batavia	Kobe	San Francico
Bombay	London	Santo Donungo
Calcutta	Manila	Santiago de los
Canton	Medellin	Caballeros
Cebu	Panama	Shanghai
Colon (Cristobal C.Z.)	Peking	Singapore
Hankow	San Pedro de	Tientsin
Hongkong	Macoris	Yokohama

Through its close affiliation with the NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK, the Corporation is able to offer the special services of the Branches of that Institution established at:—

Bahia	Petrograd
Buenos Aires	Rio de Janeiro
Caracas,	Santiago de Cuba
Genoa	Santos
Habana	San Paulo
Moscow, Russia	Valparaiso
Montevideo	

The Corporation issues Commercial and Travellers' Letters of Credit and Travellers' Cheques, receives money on CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT and FIXED DEPOSIT on terms which may be ascertained on application, and transacts all other descriptions of Banking and Exchange business.

H. C. GULLAND.
Manager.

1a Kiukiang Road, Shanghai.

Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij

(Netherlands Trading Society.)

Established 1824.

Paid-up-Capital—
Guilders 60,000,000 (about £5,000,000)
Reserve Fund—
Guilders 11,595,461; (about £966,288)

Head Office: AMSTERDAM.
Head Agency: BATAVIA
Agencies in Holland:
THE HAGUE and ROTTERDAM.

Branches:

Bandjermasin	Padang	Soerakarta
Bandoeng	Palembang	Tebing-Tinggi
Cheribon	Pekalongan	Tegal
Djember	Penang	Telok-Betong
Djokjakarta	Pontianak	Tjilatjap
Hongkong	Rangoon	Weltevreden
Kota-Radja	Semarang	
Langsa	Singapore	
Makassar	Soerabaya	
Medan		

London Bankers:
Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents at the principal places in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.

The Bank buys, sells, and receives for collection bills of exchange, issues letters of credit on its branches and correspondents and transacts banking business of every description.

Current accounts kept in taels and dollars.

Shanghai Interest Allowed on current tael accounts and fixed deposits, according to arrangement.

B. G. J. WYNBERG.
Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Savings Bank Office:
12 The Bund, and 9 Broadway.

Deposits of not less than $1, or over $100, will be received at one time.

Not more than $1,200 will be received in one year from any single depositor whose credit balance shall not at any time exceed the sum of $5,000.

Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent per annum will be allowed on the monthly minimum balance. Deposits may be withdrawn on demand. Accounts will be kept either in Mexican Dollars or Taels, at the option of the depositor.

Depositors will be presented with Pass Books in which all transactions will be entered. Pass Books must be presented when paying in or withdrawing money.

Office Hours—10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Commercial Bank of China

Head Office: SHANGHAI

Subscribed Capital Sh. Tls.	5,000,000
Paid-up Capital ..Sh. Tls.	2,500,000

Advances made on approved securities. Bills discounted

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on daily balance. On Fixed deposits:
For 3 months at 3% per annum.
For 6 months at 4% per annum.
For 12 months at 5% per annum.
On Deposits in Dollars according to arrangement.

H. S. MARSHALL.
Chief Manager.

The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd

Authorised Capital	£1,500,000
Subscribed Capital	1,125,000
Paid-up Capital	562,500
Reserve Fund	600,000

Head Office, 15 Gracechurch Street, London, E. C.

London Bankers:
Bank of England.
London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.
Branches & Agencies.

Bombay	Howrah	Madras
Calcutta	Handy	Penang
Colombo	Karachi	Port Louis
Delhi	Kota Bahru	(Mauritius)
Galle	(Kelantan)	Rangoon
Hongkong	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
	Singapore	

Shanghai Branch.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Interest allowed on Tael Current Accounts at 2% per annum and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

R. D. YOUNG,
Manager.
7 Nanking Road.
9753

BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS

Specially authorised by Presidential Mandates of April 7th, 1914, and October 31st, 1915.
Paid-Up
Capital: Kuping Taels 10,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.
50 Branches and Agencies at principal commercial places in China.

SHANGHAI BRANCH
35 Szechuen Road.

Interest allowed on both Current and Fixed Deposit Accounts; Credit granted o approved securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. TAO, Manager.
Y. M. CHIEN, Sub-Manager.

SUMITOMO BANK, LIMITED

SHANGHAI BRANCH.
No. 1 Kiukiang Road

Capital	Yen	30,000,000
Capital (Paid-Up)	Yen	18,750,000
Reserve	Yen	2,800,000
Deposits	Yen	150,000,000

President, Baron K. Sumitomo

Head Office: OSAKA.

Branches:
Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe, Hyogo, Onomichi, Kure, Nihama, Hiroshima, Yana, Shimonoseki, Moji, Wakamatsu, Kukuoka, Kurume, Honolulu, San Francisco, Bombay and Hankow.

London Banker:
LLOYDS BANK, LIMITED
New York Banker:
NATIONAL CITY BANK OF N. Y.

Banking Business in General Foreign Exchange Business, Travellers' and Commercial Letters of Credit, Correspondents throughout the World.

S. Kashara,
Manager.

Telephones:—
2318 Manager. 4663 Compradore.
2350 Gen. Office. 4621 Nights only.
3536 General Office.

中行儲蓄銀行
Chung Foo Union Bank

Statutes approved by the Government in 1916
Head office: Tientsin

Capital	$2,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	$1,000,000.00

Managing Director: SUN TAO SAN

Branches and Agencies:

Tientsin	Chinkiang
Shanghai	Soochow
Peking	Wusieh
Hankow	Hangchow
Nanking	Ninpgo
Yangchow	Shaohsing
Hsuchow	Canton
Pengpu	Hongkong
Tsingkianpu	

Shanghai Branch
441, Ningpo Road

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Credits granted on approved securities.

Y. R. Sun, Manager.
Y. D. Zah, Sub-Manager.

The National Commercial Bank, Ltd.

(formerly known as The Chekiang Shing Nih Chartered Bank, Ltd.)

Established 1907.

Paid-Up Capital	$1,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	$200,000.00

Head Office: Shanghai.
14, Peking Road.
(Telephone Nos. 2613 and 2614.)

Branches:
Hangchow, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Mukden and Harbin.

Correspondents at the principal cities throughout china.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits both in taels and dollars according to arrangement.

Interest allowed on Savings Account at 4% per annum.

Credits granted on approved securities.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Shen Chu Hsu, Manager.
Shu Chin Mih, Sub-Manager.
C. C. Yang, Sub-Manager.

MITSUI BANK, LTD

SHANGHAI BRANCH
3 Foochow Road

Capital (Paid-up).....Yen 20,000,000.
Reserve..... „ 12,550,000.
Head Office: Tokyo, Japan.
President: Baron Takayasu Mitsui.

Branches:
Osaka, Nishi (Osaka), Kobe, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Moji, Fukuoka, Shimonoseki, Hiroshima, Kyoto, Nagoya, Fukagawa (Tokyo), Otaru.

Bankers:

London:	Messrs. Barclays Bank, Ltd. The London City and Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York:	The National City Bank of New York. The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

We transact a General Banking & Foreign Exchange Business.

S. TAKEDA, Man-

THE CHINA PRESS MAIL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1918

Date and Destination	Per	Chi.	Br.	USA	Rus.	Jap.	Reg.
Today							
Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin	Shuntien	14.00	13.30	..	..	..	13.30
Foochow	Keelung maru	12.00	12.30	..	..	..	11.30
River Ports..	Train & Str.	21.00	..	..	..	..	21.00
Tsingtao, Manchuria & Dalny	Sakaki maru	13.30	..	..	..	..	13.00
Dalny	Sazaki maru	..	..	..	..	a14.30	14.00
Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin	Kingsing	21.00	17.00	..	17.30	..	21.00
Hongkong and Canton	Suiyang	21.00	..	..	16.30	17.00	21.00
Hongkong ...	..	..	17.00	..	..	..	..
Japan and America via Kobe	Kitano maru	..	..	..	..	a15.00	14.30
Keelung via Foochow..	Keelung maru	..	..	..	..	c13.00	12.30
Peking and Tsin (Every day	Train	21.00	..	..	..	..	17.00
Tsin (Daily except Suncay)		..	17.00	..	..	..	..
Ningpo	Taishun	..	15.00	..	..	..	..
Hankow..		..	17.00	..	..	..	..
Tomorrow							
Japan and U.S.A. via Moji ..	Kumano maru	..	..	..	..	x20.00	19.30
Europe via Siberia..	Via Pukow	..	..	..	18.00	..	17.30
Europe via Japan & America	Kumano maru	..	..	..	18 00	..	17 30
Russia via Siberia..	*Via Pukow	21.00	..	..	..	..	20.30
Russia via Siberia (P. Train)	†Via Pukow	..	17.00	..	..	..	17.00
Amoy and Hongkong			17.00	..	..	..	..
Japan			17.00	..	..	..	..
Amoy,. Hongkong and Canton	Sinkiang	21.00	..	..	16.30	17.00	21.00
Japan ports	Kumano maru	18.00	..	..	..	..	17.00
N'saki, Kobe, Y'hama, Canada, U.S.A. & E'ope via Canada		..	17.00	..	..	..	17.00
River Ports..	Train & Str.	21.00	..	..	..	..	21.00
Thursday, Mar. 21.							
River Ports..	Train & Str.	21.00	..	..	..	..	21.00
Friday, Mar. 22.							
Japan & America v. Nagasaki	Chikugo maru		..	..	..	x20.00	19.30
Japan Ports	Chikugo maru	18.00	..	..	..	..	17.00
Saturday, Mar. 23.							
Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin			..	9 00	..	..	..
Monday, Mar. 25.							
Russia via Siberia..	*Via Pukow	21.00	..	..	..	..	20.00
Russia via Siberia (Express)	†Via Pukow	..	17.00	..	..	..	17.00

† This office with remain open until 6 p.m. on the 16th, inst in connections with this mail.

* Supplementary mails closed at 7 a.m. following day.

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B Letters and boxes with declared value 2.30 p.m. Parcel post and money orders 2 p.m.
C Letters and boxes with declared value 12.30 p.m. Parcel post and money orders noon.
F Letters and boxes with declared value 7.30 p.m. Parcel post 4 p.m. and money orders 3 p.m.

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Passengers Arrived

Per C.N. s.s. Suiyang from Hongkong:—Messrs. E. Roubinear, W. S. Cheng, C. H. Kragh, W. W. Puccott, A. J. Brewer, and Offer.
Per C.N. s.s. Hsin Peking from Ningpo:—Mr. and Miss Wadman.
Per C.N. s.s. Luenyi from Hankow:—Mr. W. J. B. Waite.
Per C.N. s.s. Shuntien from Weihaiwei:—Major and Mrs. Kraggs, Messrs. J. M. Taylor, and F. C. Hershberger.
Per I.-C. s.s. Koonshing from Tientsin:—Mr. and Mrs. Skinner Turner, Messrs. Arthur Gentring, and Neole.
Per S.M.R. s.s. Sakaki Maru from Dalny:—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Brown and child, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kawachi, Messrs. R. Bailay, O. Williams, C. Arcus, and M. S. Teplitsky. From Tsingtao:—Mr. H. W. Daniels.
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Omi Maru from Japan:—Mr. and Mrs. A. Wakahara and 2 children, Mrs. H. Nakamori, Messrs. K. Ipekian, H. Dilikyan, J. Firm, N. B. Ramsay, M. Shibayama, S. Asai, K. Uehara, R. Onishi, P. Tsukamoto, Y. Nakayama, T. Sawamura, Li, Ton and Shu.
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kumano Maru from Japan:—Mrs. T. Yamaguchi, Mrs. T. Matsushima, Mrs. K. Machii, Mrs. N. Ito, Mrs. F. Matsushima, Mrs. D. A. Topovice, Mrs. A. E. Nichols, Mrs. Y. Matsushima, Mrs. M. Sanmiya, Mrs. K. Ito, Messrs. H. Matsushima, T. Sanmiya, T. Tanba, Y. Takahashi, R. Masaki, D. A. Topovice, W. A. B. Nichols, S. Yamaguchi, Y. Nishida, K. Sanmiya, T. Kinugawa, K. Midzuno, K. Miyazaki, T. Kamibayashi, G. Ito, J. Matsushima, S. Kasawara, T. Imano, J. Oda, S. Kitagawa, S. Ito, G. L. Show and George Stavrokou.

Passengers Departed

Per N.Y.K. s.s. Omi Maru for Japan:—Mr. and Mrs. Nalpemmu Tsapoikuhe, Mrs. T. Ozawa, Messrs. Nicolas Serfeoff, F. Lloyd, P. Troyan, Noguchi, R. Haniu, N. Yonezato, J. Tamaoki and Y. Kadota.

Shipping Items

The C.M. s.s. Kiangyu left Hankow for Shanghai on Saturday.
The I.-C. s.s. Kutwo left Hankow for Shanghai on Sunday.
The N.K.K. s.s. Talee Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Sunday.
The I.-C. s.s. Tuckwo left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.
The C.N. s.s. Tatung left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.
The H.O. s.s. Changon left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.
The N.K.K. s.s. Suiyang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.
The C.N. s.s. Wuchang will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.
The C.M. s.s. Kiangyung will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.
The N.K.K. s.s. Fengyang Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.
The C.M. s.s. Kianghsin will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.
The C.N. s.s. Tungting will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.
The N.K.K. s.s. Tachi Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.
The C.N. s.s. Fengtien will leave Tientsin for Shanghai via Chefoo and Weihaiwei today.
The C.N. s.s. Sunning will leave Hongkong for Shanghai today.
The I.-C. s.s. Wingsang will leave Hongkong for Shanghai today.

Sailed from Shanghai

For London, etc.		
Inaba Maru		Mar. 3
Kanagawa Maru		Jan. 13
Mishima Maru		Jan. 21
Monmouthshire		Jan. 30
For Liverpool		
Kawachi Maru		Feb. 17
Talthybius		Jan. 24
Tamba Maru		Dec. 29
For New York		
Matoppo		Dec. 8
For San Francisco		
Ecuador		Mar. 7
Korea Maru		Mar. 13
Shinye Maru		Feb. 12
For Tacoma		
Justin		Mar. 16
For Seattle		
Fushimi Maru		Mar. 17
Suwa Maru		Feb. 17
For Vancouver		
Harold Dollar		Feb. 25
Key West		Feb. 21

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Future Sailings

FOR AMERICA AND CANADA

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agents
Mar 25	—	Tacoma & Seattle	Africa maru	Jap.	O.S.K.
" 25	—	San Francisco	Siberia maru	Jap.	Alexander
" 30	—	San Francisco	Colombia	Am.	P. M. S. S. Co
" 31	11.00*	Seattle, etc.	Kashima maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.

FOR JAPAN PORTS

Mar 19	5.00*	Yokohama	Omi maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 19	—	Kobe	Kitano maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 21	5.00*	Moji, Kobe & Osaka	Kumano maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 25	5.00*	Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe	Chikugo maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 26	—	Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe	Chikuzen maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 26	—	Moji, Kobe & Osaka	Yawata maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 29	3.00	Nagasaki	Penza	Rus.	R.V.F.
" 30	—	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Yamashiro maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Apr 2	—	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Kasuga maru	Jap.	N.Y.K

FOR EUROPE, INDIA, STRAITS, ETC.

Liverpool etc.	Iyo maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
London etc.	Kitano maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.

FOR SOUTHERN PORTS

Mar 19	4.00	Ningpo	Taishun	Chi	C.M.S.N.Co.
" 19	3.00	Takao via F'chow & K'lung	Keelung maru	Jap.	O.S.K.
" 20	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Suiyang	Br.	B.&S.
" 20	4.30	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	Br.	B.&S.
" 20	4.30	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	Chi.	N.S.N.Co
" 21	D.L.	Amoy, Hongkong & Canton	Sinkiang	Br	B.&S.
" 23	—	Hongkong direct	Tenyo maru	Jap.	Alexander
" 24	9.00*	Swatow & Hongkong	Fengtien	Br	B.&S
" 26	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Sunning	Br.	B.&S.
" 26	8.00*	Hongkong	Katori maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 31		Hongkong	China	Am	P.M.S.S.Co

FOR NORTHERN PORTS

Mar 19	3.30	Dairy	Sakaki maru	Jap.	S.M.R.
" 19	3.00	Weihaiwei, Chefoo & T'tsin	Shuntien	Br.	B.&S.
" 19	D.L.	Weihaiwei, Chefoo & T'tsin	Kingsing	Br.	J.M. & Co.
" 21	9.00*	Tsingtao	Hakushin maru	Jap.	S.M.R.
" 21		Tientsin	Proteus	Rus.	K.M.A.
" 23	7.30*	Tsingtao and Dairy	Kobe maru	Jap.	S.M.R.
" 26	3.00	Weihaiwei, Chefoo & T'tsin	Shengking	Br.	B.&S.
" 29	3.00	Vladivostock	Penza	Rus.	R.V.F.

FOR RIVER PORTS

Mar 20	D.L.	Wuhu	Wenchow	Br.	B.&S.
" 19	M.N.	Hankow etc.	Luenyi	Br.	B.&S.
" 19	M.N.	do	Suiwo	Br.	J.M.&Co.
" 19	M.N.	do	Tafoo maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 19	M.N.	do	Tehhsing	Br.	H.O.S.S.Co.
" 20	M.N.	do	Nanyang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 20	M.N.	do	Ngankin	Br.	B.&S.
" 20	M.N.	do	Kiangkwan	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co
" 21	M.N.	do	Talee maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 22	M.N.	do	Tatung	Br.	B.&S.
" 24	M.N.	do	Wuchang	Br.	B.&S.
" 25	M.N.	do	Tungting	Br.	B.&S.
" 26	M.N.	do	Chungking	Br.	B.&S.

*A.M. M.N.—Midnight. D.L.—Daylight.

Arrivals

Date	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Mar 17	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	2868	Br.	B.&S.	CNCW
" 17	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	2151	Chi.	N.S.N.Co.	NSCW
" 18		Wenchow	560	Br.	B.&S.	CNPW
" 18	Dairy	Sakaki maru	1346	Jap.	S.M.R.	S RW
" 18	Chinwangtao	Toonan	942	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	CKRW
" 18	Japan	Kumano maru	3147	Jap.	N.Y.K.	WSW
" 18	Chefoo	Koonshing	3233	Br.	J.M.&Co.	SHW
" 18	Hankow	Nanyang maru	1968	Jap.	N.K.K.	NYKW
" 18	Hankow	Tehhsing	937	Br.	Geddes & Co.	NSW
" 18	Hankow	Ngankin	1719	Br.	B.&S.	CNW
" 18	Hankow	Tseangtah	475	Br.	C.I.&E.L.Co.	CKPW

Departures

Date	For	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents
Mar 17	Newchwang via Chefoo	Shengking	1315	Br.	B.&S.
" 17	Swatow & Hongkong	Yingchow	1992	Br.	B.&S.
" 17	Tientsin direct	Hsinming	1428	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co
" 17	Hongkong	Canada maru	6064	Jap.	O.S.K.
" 17	Seattle etc.	Fushimi maru	6873	Jap.	N.Y.K.
" 17	Hankow etc.	Yohyang maru	1917	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 17	do	Kiangfoo	1468	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
" 18	do	Tachang maru	1369	Jap.	N.K.K.
" 18	do	Luenho	1520	Br.	J.M.&Co.
" 18	Cruise	Store Nordiske	598	Dan	G.-N.T.Co.
" 18	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	2868	Br.	B.&S.
" 18	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	2151	Chi.	N.S.N.Co.

Vessels Loading

For River Ports

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Co.'s Str. Tafoo Maru, Captain S. Hosokawa, will be despatched from Pootung N.K.K. wharf on Tuesday, March 19, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight and Passage apply to The Nisshin Kisen Kaisha. No. 5 The Bund. Tel. No. 3256.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Str. Suiwo, tons 2,671 Captain Sellar, will leave on Tuesday, March 19, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., General Managers. Passengers Tel. No. 240. Freight Tel. No. 250.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Luenyi, Captain Frazier, will leave from the French Bund on Tuesday, March 19, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield & Swire Agents French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No 401.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The Str. Kiangkwan, Captain C. B. Conley, will leave on Wednesday night. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Co.'s Str. Nanyang Maru, Captain K. Takeshita, will be despatched from N.Y.K. Mail wharf on Wednesday, March 20, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight and Passage apply to The Nisshin Kisen Kaisha. No. 5 The Bund. Tel. No. 3256.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Ngankin, Captain Newcomb, will leave on Wednesday, March 20, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire. Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Co.'s Str. Talee Maru, Captain M. Takeo, will be despatched from Pootung N.K.K. wharf on Thursday, March 21, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight and Passage apply to The Nisshin Kisen Kaisha. No. 5 The Bund. Tel. No. 3256.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Tatung, Captain C. C. Williams, will leave from the French Bund on Friday, March 22, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage, Tel. No. 401.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Wuchang, Captain Pickard, will leave on Saturday, March 23, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents. Freight Telephone No. 77.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Tungting, Capt. Torrible, will leave from the French Bund on Monday, March 25, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents French Bund. Freight Telephone No. 77, Passage Telephone No. 401.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Chungking, Captain Monkman, will leave on Tuesday, March 26, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents. Tel. N 77.

For Southern Ports

HONGKONG and CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Suiyang, Captain J. Gibbs will leave from the French Bund direct for the above ports on Tuesday, March 19, at daylight. For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents. Freight Telephone No. 77, Passage Telephone No. 401.

TAKAO (FORMOSA) via FOOCHOW and KEELUNG.—The Str. Keelung Maru, Capt. S. Imai, will be despatched from the Co.'s Yangtszepoo wharf on March 19, at 3 p.m. The steam-launch conveying passengers on board will leave the jetty in front of the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha at 2 p.m. on the same day. For Freight and Passage, please apply to The Osaka Shosen Kaisha. No. 4, The Bund. Tel. No. 4234 and 4235.

NINGPO.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Hsin Peking, Capt. A. Scott, R.N.R. will leave from the French Bund on Wednesday, March 20, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

AMOY, HONGKONG and CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Sinkiang. Captain Wavell, will leave from the French Bund direct for the above ports on Thursday, March 21, at daylight. For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HONGKONG and CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Sunning, Captain W. L. Jones, will leave from the French Bund direct for the above ports on Tuesday, March 26, at daylight. For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HONGKONG.—The str. Chicago Maru, Captain T. Saito, will be despatched from the Co.'s Yangtszepoo wharf on April 26, at ———— The steam-launch conveying passengers on board will leave the Custom jetty at ———— on the same day. For Freight and Passage, please apply to The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, No. 4, The Bund. Tel. No. 4234 and 4235.

For Northern Ports

NEWCHWANG.—The Str. Hsinfung, Captain J. Miller, will leave on Tuesday morning. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN.—The China Navigation Co's Steamer Shuntien, Capt. Northcombe, will leave from the French Bund on Tuesday, March 19, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents French Bund. Freight Telephone No. 77, Passage Telephone No. 401.

TIENTSIN direct.—The Kailan Mining Administration chartered s.s. Proteus, March 21. For Freight apply to Agents, No. 1 Jinkee Road Tel. No. 319.

WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Fengtien, Captain Harris, will leave from the French Bund on Saturday, March 23, at 10 a.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield & Swire, Agents French Bund. Freight Telephone No. 77, Passage Telephone No. 401.

WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN.—The China Navigation Co.'s Str. Shengking, Capt. McIntosh, will leave from the French Bund on Tuesday, March 26, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire Agents French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

TIENTSIN, DAIREN & TSINGTAO.—The Str. Kohoku Maru, Capt. S. Ohba, will be despatched from the Co.'s Yangtszepoo wharf on April 4, at ———— The steam-launch conveying passengers on board will leave the jetty in front of the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha at ———— on the same day. For Freight and Passage, please apply to The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, No. 4, The Bund. Tel. No. 4234 and 4235.

For Foreign Ports

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Launch Services

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The tender conveying passengers to the S.M.R. s.s. Sakaki Maru will leave the Customs jetty at 2.30 p.m.

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For NINGPO:—S.S. Hsin Peking.—Sailings will be suspended by this vessel from the 4th inst. owing to overhaul. S.S. Hsin Peking will resume her run on Wednesday, 20th inst. at 4 p.m. as usual.

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KATORI MARU	19,000	Capt. I. Noma,	April 21
KASHIMA MARU	19,000	Capt. E. Tozowa,	March 31

SHANGHAI-YOKOHAMA LINE. (Via Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe.)

OMI MARU	7,000	Capt. M. Machida,	April 6
CHIKUGO MARU	5,000	Capt. M. Yui,	March 23
CHIKUZEN MARU	5,000	Capt. H. Nojiri,	March 26
YAMASHIRO MARU ..	7,000	Capt. Y. Nakajima,	March 30
KASUGA MARU	7,000	Capt. K. Yagiu,	April 2

SHANGHAI, KOBE AND OSAKA LINE (Via Moji.)

KUMANO MARU	9,500	Capt. S. Saito,	March 21
YAWATA MARU	7,000	Capt. K. Yagiu,	March 28

FOR JAPAN

KITANO MARU	16,000	Capt. F. E. Core,	March 19

KOBE TO SEATTLE

KAMO MARU	16,000	Capt. R. Shimidzu,	March 25

FOR HONGKONG

KATORI MARU	19,000	——	March 26
KASHIMA MARU	19,000	——	June 2

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SUWA MARU	21,000	——	April 22
FUSHIMI MARU	21,000	——	May 20

AUSTRALIAN LINE

Regular Four-Weekly Service between Japan ports and Australia (calling at Hongkong and Manila.)

TANGO MARU	14,000	——	Mar. 20
NIKKO MARU	10,000	——	April 17
AKI MARU	12,500	——	May 22

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Regular Fortnightly Service between Yokohama and Calcutta (calling at Shanghai on homeware voyage.)

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Tel. Address: Yusen, Shanghai.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

TIENTSIN-PUKOW LINE

TIME TABLE

(Published by order of the Administration)

0⁰⁰ = Midnight, 13³⁰ = 1³⁰ p.m.

July 1st, 1917, and until further notice

Mail 101 B. s.	Mail 3. B. s.	Luxe 1. B. S.	Miles	Peking-Mukden Line	Luxe 2. B. S.	Mail 4. B.	Mail 102. B. s.
2035	835	300	0	dep. Peking arr.	2230	1950	1020
2345	1112	635		arr. Tientsin-Central dep.	1935	1700	720
2350	1117	640	84	dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	1930	1653	710
000	1125	650		arr. Tientsin-East dep.	1920	1645	700
1910	520	2310	524	arr. Mukden dep.	230		1040

Local 5.	Mail 3. B. s.			Tientsin-Pukow Line		Mail 4. B. s.	Local 6.
715	1130	—	0	dep. Tientsin-East arr.	—	1705	1612
725	1140	—	2.71	arr. Tientsin Central dep.	—	1655	1602
745	1200	—		dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	—	1631	1547
1133	1500	—	78	dep. Tsangchow dep.	—	1332	1221
1457	1748	—	148	dep. Techow dep.	—	1048	926
1801	2021	—	—	arr. Tsinanfu dep.	—	806	640
7.	:		220	:		:	8.
800	2031	—	—	dep. Tsinanfu arr.	—	756	1812
1039	2231	—	266	dep. Taianfu dep.	—	601	1542
1300	038	—	318	arr. Yenchowfu dep.	—	349	1311
1315	048	—		dep. Yenchowfu arr.	—	339	1256
1556	316	—	377	dep. Linchong dep.	—	120	1032
1816	450	—	—	arr. Hsuchowfu dep.	—	2336	810
9.	:	—	420	:	—	:	10.
630	457	—	—	dep. Hsuchowfu arr.	—	2329	2007
1156	833	—	523	arr. Pengpu dep.	—	1953	1442
1206	840	—		dep. Pengpu arr.	—	1946	1432
1657	1152	—	600	dep. Chuchow dep.	—	1648	928
1848	1300	—	631	arr. Pukow dep.	—	1530	728

Express 16. B. S.	Express 10. B.			Shanghai-Nanking Line		Express 1. B.	Express 15. B. S.
. . .	1420	. .	0	dep. Nanking-Ferry arr.	. .	1410	. . .
2300	1420	. .	. . .	dep. Nanking arr.	. .	1415	650
700	2120	. .	193	arr. Shanghai-North dep.	. .	705	2300

Yenchowfu-Tsiningchow Branch Line				Lincheng-Tsochuang Branch Line					
930	1340	2130	d. Yenchowfu a.	630	1230	2000	530	1110	1800
1032	1456	2232	a. Tsiningchow d.	528	1128	1858	638	1219	1906

d. Lincheng a.	810	1410	2100	1000	1200	1400	1600	1800	2000
a. Tsochuang d.	702	1302	1952	902	1102	1302	1502	1702	1902

The station for the foreign concessions in Tientsin is "TIENTSIN-EAST"

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300 — on trains marked thus passengers must hold additional place tickets.

B — train has buffet car with regular meal service

S — train has sleep. accomm. 1st & 2nd class. s — train has only 1st class sleep. accomm.

Application for sleeping accommodation at $5.00 per berth should, at the earliest possible moment, be made to the Traffic Manager at Tientsin, or to the Traffic-Inspectors at Tientsin, Tsinanfu, Hsuchowfu or Pukow.

By Order.

THE TRAFFIC MANAGER.

Tientsin, July 1917.

Large Display Advertisements intended for the Sunday issue of The China Press should be sent in before **5 p.m. on Friday.**

Business and Official Notices

The Shanghai Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned (No. 1 The Bund) on Thursday, the 28th March, 1918, at 4.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, for the year ended 31st October, 1917.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 21st to the 28th March, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
GEORGE McBAIN,
General Agent.

Shanghai, 12th March, 1918.

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The New Amherst Rubber Estates, Ltd.

(Incorporated in Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the First Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at 13 Nanking Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 28th March, 1918, at 4.00 p.m.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd March to 28th March, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
R. N. TRUMAN & CO.,
General Managers.

Shanghai, 16th March, 1918.

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Naamlooze Vennootschap Maatschappij Tot Mijn--Bosch--En Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, 1 Yuenmingyuen Road, on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1918, at 4 p.m.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 19th to the 26th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
GEORGE McBAIN,
General Agents.

Shanghai, 23rd February, 1918.

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Naamlooze Vennootschap Maatschappij Tot Mijn--Bosch--En Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Offices of the Company, Tandjong Poera, Lower Langkat, Sumatra, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, the 27th April, 1918.

By Order of the Directors,
GEORGE McBAIN,
General Agents.

Shanghai, 23rd February, 1918.

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THE undersigned hereby give notice:—

That a Public Meeting of Ratepayers will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 27, 1918, at 2 o'clock p.m. precisely, to devise ways and means of raising the requisite funds for Municipal purposes, and to pass resolutions in reference thereto and to deliberate and decide upon other Municipal matters and business. At such meeting the accounts of the Council for the year ending December 31, 1917, will be submitted for the sanction and approval of the Ratepayers.

Shanghai, March 4, 1918.

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium.

T. RAASCHOU,
Consul-General for Denmark.

A. ARIYOSHI,
Consul-General for Japan.

E. D. H. FRASER,
H.B. Majesty's Consul-General.

V. GROSSE,
Consul-General for Russia.

J. E. HULTMAN,
Consul-General for Sweden.

THOMAS SAMMONS,
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G. DE ROSSI,
Consul-General for Italy.

JORGE R. DE OLIVEIRA,
Consul-General for Portugal.

JORGE R. DE OLIVEIRA,
Acting Consul-General for Cuba.

H. WILDEN,
Acting Consul-General for France.

T. KNUDTZON,
Acting Consul-General for Norway.

HUGO REISS,
Consul for Brazil.

JULIO PALENCIA,
Consul for Spain.

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GERMANY TO ANNEX BALTIC PROVINCES

Hastens Plans For Manufactured Petitions Asking Inclusion In Empire

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, March 14.—The German Government hastens the preparations for attaching the Baltic provinces to the German Empire. Germany is preparing in Livonia carefully manipulated manifestations similar to those which have just taken place in the Diet of Courland while the Kaiser recently received a deputation of homage from the German professors and students of the University at Dorpat. One can thus follow the schemes organised by Germany to give the impression that these manifestations are the expression of the will of the people of the Baltic provinces, while, in fact, they emanate solely from a small class of Baltic barons and Livonian knights hated by the masses, whom they have always oppressed.

SON BORN TO LADY HAIG

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 16.—Lady Haig has given birth to a son.

TO MY PATRONS

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APRIL 1st NEXT

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I wish to tender to all patrons my hearty thanks for their past favors and assistance.

REMEMBER—
38, Nanking Road, First Floor
April 1st, 1918.

DR. C. CAMERON
"The Painless Dentist"
34 Nanking Road, 1st Floor.

WIDER PLACE IN SUN, GERMAN PEACE TERM

More Colonies Must Be Given Them Or Wars Will Recur, Says Speaker

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, March 15.—Dr. Solf, speaking at Cologne yesterday, emphasised that any peace, to be lasting, must satisfy Germany's colonial necessities. He favored a redistribution of Colonial possessions in order to give Germany a far larger share than before the war, "when her colonies were small and scattered."

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SHANGHAI-NANKING RAILWAY

ABRIDGED TIME TABLE, IN FORCE FROM JANUARY 1st, 1918

Shanghai North To Nanking—Up (Main Line) Nanking To Shanghai North—Down

STATIONS.	Local	Express R	Fast R	3rd and 4th	Fast R	Local	Fast Local	Night Express R.S.
SHANGHAI NORTH....dep.	..	7.55	9.10	9.40	12.45	15.25	17.15	23.05
SOOCHOW ....dep.	..	9.41	11.22	12.20	14.56	18.15	19.20	1.05
WUSIH .....dep.	..	10.31	12.24	13.41	15.54	19.27	20.20	2.10
CHANGCHOW dep.	6.50	11.22	13.16	15.03	16.48	..	21.25	3.10
TANYANG ....dep.	8.05	12.09	14.11	16.16	17.41	..	..	..
CHINKIANG...dep.	9.16	12.52	14.55	17 17	18 22	..	..	5.06
NANKING.....arr.	11.19	*14.15	16.30	19.20	19.50	..	..	6.50
PUKOW .....dep.	..	$.15.30	T.P.R. Second Day	..	..	..	..	..
TSINANFU ...dep.	..	8.18	..	..	..	..	..	..
TIENTSIN CENTRAL arr.	..	16.29		..	..	..	..	..
TIENTSIN CENTRAL dep.	..	16.55	P.M.R.	..	..	..	..	..
PEKING .....arr.	..	19.50		..	..	..	..	..

STATIONS.	Local	Fast Local	Fast R	3rd and 4th	Fast R	Express R.	Local	Night Express R.S.
PEKING.....dep.	..	..	..	..	..	8.35	P.M.R.	..
TIENTSIN CENTRAL arr.	..	..	..	..	..	11.40		..
TIENTSIN CENTRAL dep.	..	..	..	..	..	$ 12.00	T.P.R. Second Day	..
TSINANFU....dep.	..	..	..	..	..	20.27		..
PUKOW.....arr.	..	..	..	..	..	12.56		..
NANKING ....dep.	..	..	7.20	8.00	11.45	*14.30	15.35	22.00
CHINKIANG..dep.	..	..	9.00	10.10	13.30	16.06	18.10	1.00
TANYANG ...dep.	..	..	9.56	10.58	14.12	16.41	19.08	..
CHANGCHOW dep.	7.00	..	10.34	12.18	15.08	17.39	20.30	3.06
WUSIH .....dep.	8.15	7.10	11.28	13.56	16.00	18.29	..	4.13
SOOCHOW ....dep.	9.35	8.08	12.23	14.54	17.01	19.21	..	5.35
SHANGHAI NORTH ....arr.	12.15	10.15	14.20	17.50	19.00	21.00	..	7.00

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Woosung Forts to Shanghai North—Up (BRANCH LINE) Shanghai North to Woosung Forts—Down

WOOSUNG FORTS ..dep.	6.00	8.10	10.50	13.15	14.40	16.20	18.10	20.45	SHANGHAI NORTH dep.	6.10	7.30	10.05	12.25	14.00	15.30	17.20	20.00
KIANGWAN dep.	7.17	8.27	11.17	13.42	15.07	16.47	18.37	21.12	KIANGWAN dep	6.21	7.41	10.16	12.36	14.11	15.41	17.31	20.11
SHANGHAI NORTH .. arr.	7.25	8.45	11.25	13.50	15.15	16.55	18.45	21.20	WOOSUNG PORTS..arr.	6.45	8.05	10.40	13.00	14.25	16.05	18.05	20.35

SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW-NINGPO RAILWAY ABRIDGED TIME TABLE

SHANGHAI NORTH TO ZAHKOU—"DOWN" MAIN LINE. ZAHKOU TO SHANGHAI NORTH—"UP"

STATIONS	Local	Fast R	Slow	Coolie & Goods	Local	Express R	Local	Local
Shanghai North ..... dep.	....	7.35	9.00	10.00	....	14.50	15.50	....
Jessfield ..... dep.	....	7.51	9.16	10.23	....	15.06	16.06	....
Siccawei ..... dep.	....	7.58	9.23	10.38	....	15.13	16.13	....
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.	....	8.15	9.40	10.53	....	15.30	16.29	....
Shanghai South ..... dep.	....	*7.45*	*9.10*	*10.20*	*13.35*	*15.00*	*16.00*	*17.55*
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.	....	*8.15*	*9.40*	*10.53*	*13.52*	*15.30*	*16.29*	*18.12*
Songkiang ..... dep.	....	8.59	10.48	12.02	....	16 07	17 42	....
Kaskai ..... dep.	....	9.51	11.52	13 28	....	16.53	18 49	....
Kashing ..... dep.	7.40	10.25	12 30	14.35	....	17.22	19.20	....
Tsach ..... dep.	8.45	11.05	13 15	15.50	....	17.53	....	....
Chaugan ..... dep.	9.45	11.41	14 00	16.50	....	18 24	....	....
Hangchow ..... dep.	11.10	12.50	15.25	18.30	....	19.19	....	....
Zahkou ..... arr.	11.35	13.10	15.50	19.00	....	19.35	....	....

STATIONS	Local	Local	Fast R	Slow	Local	Coolie and Goods	Express R	Local
Zahkou ..... dep.	....	....	6.30	7.55	....	9 20	14.10	15.30
Hangchow ..... dep.	....	....	7 00	8.30	....	10.00	14.35	16.05
Changan ..... dep.	....	....	8.04	9.48	....	11.40	15.20	17.36
Yehzah ..... dep.	....	....	8.41	10.31	....	12 39	15.51	18.40
Kashing ..... dep.	....	7.15	9.28	11.22	....	14.10	16.30	19.30
Kaskai ..... dep.	....	7.48	9.53	11.55	....	14.48	16.52	....
Songkiang ..... dep.	....	9.05	10.47	12.59	....	16.08	17.40	....
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.	*8.18*	*10.33*	*11.38*	*14.08*	*15.33*	*17.23*	*18.23*	....
Shanghai South ..... arr.	*8.35*	*10.50*	*11.55*	*14.25*	*15.50*	*17.40*	*18.40*	....
Lunghwa Junction ..... dep.	....	10 30	11.35	14 05	....	17 18	18.20	....
Siccawei ..... dep.	....	10.39	11.44	14.14	....	17 28	18.29	....
Jessfield ..... dep	....	10.46	11.51	14.21	....	17 37	18.36	....
Shanghai North ... . arr	....	11 00	12.05	14.35	....	17.55	18.50	....

KONZENCHIAO TO ZAHKOU KIANGSHOO BRANCH LINE. ZAHKOU TO KONZENCHIAO

Konzenchiao....	dep.	6.50	8.25	11.25	14.00	15.55	18.35	Zahkou.....	dep.	....	10.10	12.25	....	17.20	....
Kenshangmun ..	dep.	7.10	8.50	11.40	14.15	16.15	18.50	Hangchow.....	dep.	7.30	10.40	12 45	14.55	17.50	19.15
Hangchow.....	dep.	7.20	9.15	11.52	14.24	16.30	19.00	Kenshangmun ..	dep.	7.42	10.57	12 57	15.12	18.07	19.27
Zahkou.....	arr.	....	9.40	12.10	...	16.55	....	Konzenchiao....	arr.	7 55	11.10	13.10	15.25	18.20	19.40

R. Restaurant Cars

Business and Official Notices

National Loan of the Third Year of the Republic (1914)

Subscribers to the above loan are hereby reminded that interest coupons become invalid for payment on the expiry of three years from the date on which the half yearly period covered by them ends. Thus Coupon No. 2 covering interest on the above Loan for the period 1st January to 30th June, 1915, will cease to be valid for payment after 30th June, 1918. Bondholders who have not yet presented this coupon for payment should do so before 1st July, 1918.

F. A. AGLEN,
Inspector General of Customs.

Inspectorate General of Customs,
Peking, 14th March, 1918.
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NOTICE
The Commercial Pacific Cable Co.

Until the congestion on the Commercial Pacific Cable is relieved, the Company is compelled to suspend transmission over its main cable of rectificative or enquiry messages paid or unpaid. Requests for Rectifications in Far East deliveries will be answered by Guam and addressees will be so informed.

J. D. GAINES,
Superintendent.
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17179

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION

No. 2501.

THE following Resolutions will be brought forward by the Council at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers to be held at the Town Hall on March 27, 1918, at 2 o'clock p.m., and are published for general information:—

Resolutions I, II and III.—Formal business and adoption of Rules of Procedure.

Resolution IV.—That the Report and Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1917, be passed.

Resolution V.—That the Report of the Loan Redemption Committee dated July 7, 1917, and published in the Municipal Gazette of March 16, 1918, be received and adopted.

Resolution VI.—That the estimated expenditure for 1918, contained in the Budget proposed by the retiring Council, together with the recommendations attached thereto, be approved and adopted, and that the Council be hereby authorised to impose, collect and recover the rates, taxes, dues and fees recommended therein, and to raise, should it be considered expedient to do so, a sum not exceeding Tls. 1,800,000, by the issue of debentures redeemable on December 31, 1928, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding seven per centum per annum, for the purposes defined in the estimate of Extraordinary Expenditure.

Resolution VII.—That the Council be and it is hereby authorised and directed to appoint a Committee, consisting of three Members of Council and two Ratepayers with power to fill vacancies, to consider and report whether it is desirable, in the interests of this Community, that the business and undertaking and the lands, buildings, plant, machinery and effects of the Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited should be acquired, in pursuance of the provisions contained in Clause 9 of the Agreement between the Company and the Council dated the first day of July, 1905. The report of such Committee to be submitted to the Council, who shall lay the same before the Ratepayers in meeting assembled.

Resolution VIII.—Election of Land Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Resolution IX.—Election of four Governors of the General Hospital for the ensuing year.

Resolution X.—Election of two members of the Permanent Education Committee.

Ratepayers intending to ask questions in regard to the Accounts or other matters connected with the foregoing Resolutions, are requested to give notice of such intention before the Meeting, so that a full answer or other explanation may be given.

Ratepayers desirous of bringing forward additional motions, or of nominating duly qualified persons willing to serve under Resolutions VIII, IX and X are required to give notice thereof to the undersigned before 4 p.m. on March 20 for due publication.

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